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Scientists: New species of Pacific worms release 'bombs'

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Thousands of feet beneath the sea live worms that can cast off green glowing body parts, a move scientists think may be a defensive effort to confuse attackers. Researchers have dubbed the newly discovered critters "green bombers."

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This undated handout photo provided by the journal Science, and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, shows one of the first green bombers (Swima bombiviridis).

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

Three pieces of unexploded World War II ordnance with combined "net explosive weight" of 1,250 lbs were found in a construction site at the Rota airport yesterday, CNMI Explosives Response Team and private contractor AMPRO Inc. told *Saipan Tribune*.

XRT commander Capt. Pete Leon Guerrero and AMPRO operations manager J.D. Robinson, in separate interviews, said the discovery is "one of the biggest

hauls" of war ordnance in the CNMI.

Robinson said they initially found two pieces of ordnance, each having 500 lbs

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'CUC power engines now in final stage of rehabilitation'

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

With three weeks to go before the pull-out of Aggreko generators on Sept. 12, several of the Commonwealth Utilities

Corp.'s power engines are now nearly ready to take over the load, according to the utility's consultant, Georgetown Consulting Group.

In a 31-page report filed with the Public Utilities Commission, Georgetown said that substantial progress has been made at Saipan's power production facilities, putting CUC in a position to fully meet the island's power demand.

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4th suspect in biggest 'ice' haul arrested

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Drug Enforcement Administration agents on Thursday arrested a man who allegedly conspired to sell methamphetamine or "ice" in the CNMI with the woman who was earlier arrested at the Saipan International Airport.

Ya Bin Huang, a Chinese, was arrested at the airport after being detained by NMI Immigration officials as he was about to leave for China.

Huang was brought to the U.S. District Court late Thursday afternoon and charged with conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance, and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

Designated Judge David Wiseman imposed no bail and set the preliminary

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SWAT TRAINING

Police officers in full battle gear undergo a basic special weapons and tactics training yesterday at the vacant La Fiesta Mall in San Roque. The scenario involved a hostage situation and the trainees were to neutralize the hostage takers. See story on Page 4.

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Formula out for 50/50 split on govt health premiums

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The NMI Retirement Fund will implement a new premium rate for the government's health insurance program, with members splitting the cost 50/50 with employers starting Nov. 1 this year.

In an Aug. 14 memorandum to government payroll supervisors, Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon said a single health subscriber who is currently working and the government will each start paying \$44.27 biweekly for a total premium of \$88.54.

Single subscribers who are already retired will pay \$47.96 semi-monthly—the same amount that will be paid by the government—for a total semi-monthly premium of \$95.92.

For couple subscribers who are still working, biweekly contributions will be at \$90.75. The amount goes up to \$98.12 for couple retirees who pay semi-monthly. The total payment for the bi-weekly premium is \$181.50, while semi-monthly payments will be at \$196.63.

Government contributions for both classifications will be equal to the subscriber's premium rate.

If the subscriber is categorized as a family, contribution is set at \$141.66 for both employee and employer for a total of \$283.32 premium bi-weekly. However, if the family subscriber is a retiree and pays semi-monthly, he or she will pay a \$153.46 premium.

The combined premium for biweekly payments is \$283.32; for semi-monthly payments, it's \$306.92.

The Fund's board of trustees approved the new premium rates in June.

Under the existing health insurance rules, the CNMI government pays a 70 percent share in the premium of employees while members pay the other 30 percent.

The Group Health Insurance program is underwritten exclusively by the CNMI government to provide an affordable health insurance plan for the benefit of government employees.

The program is designed to be self-sufficient and therefore must establish rates sufficient to pay for administration of the program, particularly claims incurred by enrollees in the plan.

Aguon earlier said the new premium rates would benefit members and would encourage others to join the health program.

Saipan Tribune learned that the decision to equalize the contribution rates of the government and employees came about after a "positive" response from the Fitial administration.

It was earlier disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that the new rates were recommended by the program's third-party administrator, Aetna Global Benefits.

Under the board's decision, unless determined by actuarial study and recommendation, the government contribution to premiums shall increase to 50 percent beginning Nov. 1 and the government shall pay no subsidized premium to any carrier not competitively selected as the exclusive carrier for the government plan.

A. Samoa senator takes CUC post

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (AP)—A senator in the U.S. territory of American Samoa has taken an executive post with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Before being elected, Sen. Utu Abe Malae had served for some 20 years as chief executive officer for the American Samoa Power Authority. He says he's accepted the job of assistant executive director for operations, which handles water, wastewater and power.

The first-term senator says before the Legislature convenes in January, he will ask his constituents to consider replacing him in the Senate.

He says the Northern Marianas utility is facing difficulties operating its water, wastewater and power services.

Malae says those kinds of challenges piqued his interest, so he accepted the job offer. He said the position is for two years.

His first official duty for CUC is to represent the company at next week's Pacific Power Association Conference and Trade Exhibition, held in Pago Pago.

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Lack of specialists remains a challenge for PSS SpEd

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REPORTER

It's not the funding that's the problem; rather, it's in finding a qualified workforce. That, in brief, is the problem facing the special education program at the Public School System, according to Susanne W. Lizama, the program's acting coordinator.

Unlike other existing public school programs, an adequate budget has never been a major concern in the operation of the special education program; rather, it is in getting a qualified workforce on island, she said.

When classes open next month, only about 60 special education personnel and related service providers are ready to serve the needs

of children with special needs and disabilities, she added.

"Money has never been a problem...but getting people to be certified as special education teachers—that's our biggest challenge every year," Lizama told *Saipan Tribune* on Thursday, citing the need to encourage high school students to get into the special education field to avert a worsening situation.

The CNMI special education program received \$4.7 million in federal funding for the new school year and about \$1 million from local appropriation.

Yet despite having "enough" funding, Lizama said they are challenged in getting qualified people for the increasing number of children with disabilities.

In order to be hired for the program, a teacher must pass Praxis 1 and Praxis 2 with emphasis on special education.

PSS, in its aim to fill classrooms with highly qualified teachers, is strict in hiring applicants with the basic degree and Praxis requirements.

Of the present 60-plus SpEd teachers, Lizama said more than 50 percent have successfully passed the HQT requirements. The rest are awaiting the results of their examination last June.

In every public school, two to four teachers are assigned to special education classes. There are four at Marianas High School and two at Saipan Southern High School.

The program recently hired four additional special educa-

tion teachers for the new school year but Lizama said this is not enough. All four new employees were recruited from off-island.

Last school year, special education children totaled 803 and Lizama is projecting an increase this school year.

"Every year, we're seeing an increase...and I don't think this is an exception," she said.

Last May, the Board of Education approved a maximum \$10,000 pay differential for special education posts, which are considered hard-to-fill, to ad-

dress the shortage of related service providers to the program.

The move was also intended to retain qualified related services personnel in the system and to remain competitive in order to recruit qualified candidates.

The pay incentive is provided to speech pathologists, audiologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and psychologists.

Korean ballet group set to perform tonight at Fiesta

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Saipan will have a chance to watch topnotch dance and musical performances from South Korea tonight with the famous Kim In Sook Grand Ballet Company at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort and Spa.

The show will start at 7pm and is free to the general public.

Part of commemorating South Korea's Independence Day on Aug. 15, this special performance is a way of promoting friendship between the peoples of Saipan and Korea.

The Central Association of Culture and Arts is the main sponsor, in cooperation with Tan Holdings, Fiesta Resort and Spa, *Saipan Tribune*, and Glushko's Dance School.

The group, composed of 20 seasoned dance artists, would be also be performing Korean traditional dances as well as contemporary folk dances.

The show would also include a special participation of local ballet students from the Glushko's Academy.

The group is headed by dance and art director Kim In Sook and producer Hwang Kyu Ja.

Kim is the vice president of

the Korea Ballet Association, a member of the Dance of Korea Culture and Arts Education Agency, chief of the development of dance committee, and a professor at the Dance Department of Seoul University.

Hwang, a dance professor at Hanyang University, is an honorary professor for Jilin National Arts School in China. She is also the director for contemporary ballet theater "Ywan" and a board member of the Korea Ballet Association and the Dance Association of Korea.

Park Hea Ran is the show's choreographer.

Park is professor of dance at the Physical Education Department of Joongbu University and is the director of Korean philosophical society for sport and dance as well as director of Korean sport society.

Hur Sung Jae is the stage director. Hur is the president of the Central Culture Arts Association and vice president of the world wide Korean Community Foundation.

The featured dances include excerpts from *The Nutcracker*, *Waltz of Flowers* (rearranged by Kim In Sook), *Hwajomu*, *Birth*, *Midnight*, *Pietais Flower Path*, *Saipan Performance*, and *Freedom*.

BoG donates \$5K to NMC Library

In support for the advancement of educational opportunities and resources for students in the CNMI, the Bank of Guam recently presented a \$5,000 donation to the Northern Marianas College's Library Services department.

"We are proud to support the Northern Marianas College and their mission of providing the best learning environment possible for the students of the CNMI," said Bank of Guam senior vice-president Marcie Tomokane.

"We are extremely thankful for the Bank of Guam's generosity and interest in the services we provide to our students and the CNMI community," said Janice Tenorio, Dean of Student Ser-

Vamco drifts north to Wake Island

Typhoon Vamco 11W yesterday moved farther away from Saipan with its center located west of Wake Island as it continued drifting northward.

According to the National Weather Service, Typhoon Vamco 11W's center as of 1pm yesterday was 640 miles west of Wake Island or 810 miles east-northeast of Saipan.

On Thursday at 1pm, the ty-

phoon's center was about 800 miles east-northeast of Saipan.

With maximum sustained winds at 120 miles per hour, the typhoon was moving slowly north-northeast at a speed of around 6mph.

NWS expects Vamco to intensify slightly in the next 12 hours.

No watches or warnings are in effect in the CNMI and Guam.

The NWS and the CNMI

Emergency Management Office have been monitoring the movement of Vamco and will be issuing updates.

Gov. Benigno Fitial again reiterated his reminder to the public, including those in the northern islands of Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrihan, to closely follow the progress of the typhoon through EMO and local media sources. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Basic SWAT training puts police, ports officers to test

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REPORTER

"Why didn't you do it? Come on! This is not a game. This is training to save lives!" yelled Dennis O'Connor, director of training at the Government Training Institute and lead instructor in yesterday's basic special weapons and tactics training, as four ports and police officers in full battle gear entered a room to neutralize "hostage takers" at the vacant La Fiesta Mall in San Roque.

For several minutes, the same two pairs of police and ports officers had to polish their every move—from entering the room to aiming and shooting their guns using Simunition rounds—to stop the "hostage takers" from doing further harm and save innocent lives, to the satisfaction of GTI instructors.

This is the first basic SWAT training to be conducted in the CNMI.

"These guys are tough. They are great

Zoning Board serious on Beach Road project

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Amid a move to suspend the zoning law, the Commonwealth Zoning Board is ramping up efforts to push the "Beach Road Corridor Improvement Plan."

The project aims to transform the highway from American Memorial Park in Garapan down to the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio into what it says will be a friendlier and healthier thoroughfare that also maximizes its economic potential.

The board is currently touring villages to present the plan to people.

The board is inviting people to join them at the Multi-Purpose Center in

trainors," Patrick Tudela, training coordinator at the CNMI Office of Homeland Security, told *Saipan Tribune*, as he watched over the ongoing training of 28 officers from the Department of Public Safety and the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Yesterday's basic SWAT training had this scenario: A hostage negotiation had gone sour as the hostage takers shot one of their hostages. Four members of the SWAT team on scene had to take immediate action or count more body bags.

Among the trainees was 29-year-old Police Officer 1 Regino Celis Jr., who entered the police force when he was only about 19.

"Everything I learned in this training is outstanding. I've learned techniques on how to do building clearing, room assaults, and vehicle assaults. I've learned the importance of teamwork, communication with all the involved members," he said during a training break.

Susupe for a presentation on Monday, Aug. 25, starting at 6pm.

Earlier this week, the board conducted a public meeting in Kagman, which reportedly drew only about a handful of people.

The board is encouraging everyone to attend this meeting. They may submit comments orally or in writing during this presentation.

The board said people may also submit written comments to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30pm on Aug. 26 or via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp or via U.S. mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan MP 96950.

Comments may also be delivered personally to the Zoning Office on

them they number in the hundreds. What's unique is that their habitat is really hard to sample."

Ranging in size from three-fourths of an inch to nearly four inches, the worms live at depths of 5,900 feet to more than 12,000 feet and were discovered by remotely operated submarines in both the northeast and western Pacific Ocean.

"They have a very strange way of using bioluminescence," Osborn explained in a briefing.

They have appendages, some round, others oval or long, which they release when they are disturbed,

providing reliable service within days, Georgetown said.

It added that engine 5, which is also being rehabilitated, is expected to be in service by late Fall, while engine 6 is scheduled for rehabilitation by the end of the year.

"When completed, these actions will put CUC into a position it has not seen in years: eliminate the needless exposure of customers to endless outages, poor availability, and the high cost of the inefficiencies introduced by operating the electric system sub-optimally," consultant said.

CUC, the report states, has also turned attention to its Power Plant 2 engines and the Rota engines, which should be considered reserve facilities given their poor design efficiency.

CUC wants to bring Power Plant 2 into compliance so that it is capable of supplying at least 8MW of capacity.

"It is hopeful that the plant will be capable of supplying at least 10 MW of reserve capacity," Georgetown said.

The basic SWAT training started on Monday and will wrap up on Sunday. Among those undergoing the training are 26 male and two female law enforcement officers.

Capt. Pete Leon Guerrero, traffic commander at the Department of Public Safety, said the seven-day basic SWAT training, along with the active shooting response training last week, was made possible by grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

"I say it again. No one in the CNMI can ever provide us with this kind of training. We are thankful to have GTI instructors to train us right here instead of us sending 28 or 30 local law enforcers to the mainland to train," said Leon Guerrero, who is also the commander of the CNMI Explosives Response Team.

Besides O'Connor, the two other visiting GTI instructors are John Pompi and Travis Peterson. GTI, a private law enforcement training, police training,

and military training facility and mobile team, is based in Idaho and South Carolina.

Guerrero said GTI also included "hostage rescue" training which he said is a valuable addition to law enforcers' training. "They got the experience and the expertise, the knowledge, the case studies. We're thankful we got federal grants to have GTI come here and train our officers. This is an invaluable training for us," he added.

'GTI will be back here'

Guerrero said they revised their earlier plan to send a few local law enforcers

who will complete the basic SWAT training to the mainland for an advanced SWAT training.

Instead, GTI instructors will come to Saipan in spring next year to conduct the advanced SWAT training here.

"Yes, we don't have the facility here for the training but what they'd do is come here in advance to help build a temporary training facility at the Marpi shooting range. Having them come here instead of us sending officers there is cost-effective for us. We're saving resources and we'd be able to train more officers," said Guerrero, who completed his SWAT training in the mainland.

Emergency power outage today

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the public that an emergency power outage is required for today, Aug. 22, 2009, from 7:30am through 9:30am.

The emergency outage is required for the safety of the linemen who will be removing the heavy vegetation contacting the primary lines in the Feeder 1 and Feeder 3 Circuits. Three line crews

SUSPECT

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nary hearing for Aug. 24, Monday, at 2:30pm.

DEA Special Agent Daniel G. Holcomb said that Huang was the companion of Chun Mei Lin, a Chinese woman who sold 15 grams of "ice" worth \$6,000 to a DEA confidential source in the parking lot of a store in Chalan Kanoa on Aug. 29, 2008.

Holcomb said it was Huang who provided the 14.1 grams of "ice" to Lin, who then handed over the drug to the DEA's confidential source in exchange for the money.

At the direction of the DEA, members of the Department of Public Safety's Traffic Unit conducted a traffic stop of a car being driven by Huang and Lin.

Huang produced a CNMI driver's license. Lin did not produce an identification card. Both were released after being given a verbal warning.

Surveillance team followed Lin and Huang to their barracks. The team, however, terminated the surveillance at

that time.

On Thursday, Holcomb said, local Immigration officials called DEA to inform them that Huang had been detained at the airport.

Huang had a one-way plane ticket to China via Busan, Korea, which he purchased with cash earlier that day. The defendant was also found carrying \$1,300 cash.

Last July 28, 2009, the DEA's confidential source surrendered to the DEA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation about 40 grams of "ice" that Lin allegedly offered as a free sample.

DEA agents arrested Lin on Tuesday after local Immigration officers detained her at the airport as she was trying to leave for China.

On Monday afternoon, DEA and FBI agents arrested two other Chinese men—Biao Huang and Sheng Lian—who allegedly tried to sell 947 grams of "ice" to two undercover FBI agents inside a hotel room in Susupe.

In the entire DEA operation against the four suspects, a total of 1,021.4 grams of "ice" worth \$510,000 was reportedly seized—the biggest drug haul in the CNMI so far.

BOMBS

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in net explosive weight.

Later, another piece of 250 lbs in net explosive weight was also found, for a total of 1,200 lbs.

To stress their point, the last four detonations in Marpi each involved a little over 1,000 lbs of unexploded war ordnance consisting of 200 to 300 pieces of mortar rounds, projectiles and grenades, among other things.

"But what we found today total 1,200 lbs in net explosive weight and involve only three pieces of ordnance. This is a major find," Robinson added.

AMPRO, which stands for "All-hazard Management Professionals," is a private service support company providing specialized consulting services in support of hazardous material, disaster preparedness, and safety related projects.

Given the magnitude of the find, Guerrero said the ordnance would need to be detonated immediately. Unlike Saipan where there's a safe storage facility where live ordnance can be kept while waiting for detonation, Rota does not have one.

"We will have an emergency detonation and we're working with the U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment Marianas to do this," Guerrero said.

The Navy's EOD team detonates all of the ordnance found on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, with the help of XRT, Ampro and other government agencies.

On Aug. 7, another 1,000 lbs of war ordnance were detonated. It was the fourth major detonation conducted this year, each involving almost equal weight of explosives.

Most of them were found at a Marpi area being cleared by AMPRO under contract with the Department of Public Lands. DPL received \$750,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to clean up the site of environmental hazards.

The Northern Marianas, particularly Saipan and Tinian, were major battlefields between American and Japanese during World War II.

To this day, unexploded ordnance continues to be found on these two islands, along with other Pacific islands, including American Samoa, Hawaii, Palau and Pohnpei.

SCIENTISTS

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The seven new species of worms were found by a team led by Karen Osborn of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego. They report on the worms in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*.

"We found a whole new group of fairly large, extraordinary animals that we never knew anything about before," Osborn said in a statement. "These are not rare animals. Often when we see

CUC

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Georgetown bared that several of the larger diesel engines in all power plants have been rehabilitated or are in the final stages of rehabilitation.

CUC, which remains under a state of emergency, had launched a two-year rehabilitation plan to bring all of its power production facilities into compliance with their maintenance schedules.

Georgetown said CUC is to be applauded for these actions.

At present, Power Plant 1 is the workhorse and has an installed capacity rating of 81 megawatts—more than enough to meet the entire Saipan demand for electric power, which is approximately 40MW—when working properly.

Its engines 7 and 3 were recently overhauled and are currently delivering reliable power, while engines 1 and 2 are presently in the final stages of rehabilitation and should be capable of

Evidence against two sisters are deemed admissible

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REPORTER

Despite not being read their Miranda rights, the wallet and money that were recovered from two convicted sisters who are facing another theft case have been deemed admissible evidence by the Superior Court.

Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja said that Zenita B. Cabrera and Joann B. Cabrera were not warned of their Miranda rights but they voluntarily offered information as to the location of the stolen wallet.

"Regardless of whether the defendants were not given their Miranda rights before any voluntary statements were made, such statements were voluntary, and thus the physical evidence obtained as a result of the defendants' statements is admissible," said Naraja in the order issued Wednesday.

Furthermore, the money discovered in Zenita's pocket was found during a standard pat down prior to arrest and is also admissible, said the judge.

Miranda refers to the warning given by U.S. police to criminal suspects in custody, or in a custodial situation, before they are interrogated.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged the Cabrera sisters for the theft of a wallet at a restaurant in Garapan.

According to court documents,

on April 1, 2009 at 6:54am, the Department of Public Safety received a call about a theft incident at Café at the Park.

Police Officer Jesse Cepeda responded to the scene and was given the description of two female suspects riding a white car.

At 7:17am that same day, as Cepeda was driving south on Beach Road, he sighted two females driving north on Beach Road in a silver Toyota Echo.

Cepeda made a stop on the vehicle for failing to properly signal.

When Cepeda asked Zenita Cabrera where she had just come from, she said they had just used the restroom of a restaurant. When asked to specify which restaurant, Zenita Cabrera began crying, saying she does not want to go to jail.

Cepeda then asked the passenger, Joann Cabrera, if she had taken the wallet, implying that he would not arrest them if

they show him where they had thrown the wallet.

Once inside the police car, the sisters directed Cepeda to a dumpster in Garapan. After the wallet was recovered from the dumpster, another police officer performed a standard pat down on Zenita Cabrera where money was discovered in her pant's pocket.

Zenita and Joann Cabrera were then arrested. No police officer read the sisters their Miranda rights before being arrested. Both were Mirandized only at the police station.

The two suspects asked the court to suppress their statement and property evidence based on the alleged violation of the Miranda rule.

In his ruling, Naraja said an interrogation "under Miranda refers not only to express ques-

tions, but also to any words or actions on the part of the police (other than those normally attendant to arrest and custody)

that the police should know are reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response from the suspect."

However, Naraja, citing a controlling case law, stated that, "any statement given freely and voluntarily without any compelling influences is, of course, admissible as evidence."

Essentially, the judge said, when Cepeda asked the defendants if they took the wallet, the defendants were temporarily detained pursuant to an ordinary traffic stop and were not in custody for Miranda purposes, thus the question was proper without Miranda warnings.

Even after Cepeda asked both defendants to get out of the ve-

hicle, the traffic stop did not rise to the level of a formal arrest, the judge said.

Naraja said it was not until Cepeda placed the sisters in his police car that the temporary detention from the traffic stop became custody for the purposes of Miranda.

"Placing the defendants in the patrol car subjected them to a completely police-dominated atmosphere and significantly derived them of their freedom of action, essentially taking them into formal custody," he said.

Once the defendants were placed in the police car, Naraja said, Cepeda should have advised them of their Miranda rights.

Since Cepeda failed to do so, Naraja said any statements made by Zenita and

Joann Cabrera in response to police interrogation—after being placed in the police car and until they received their Miranda warnings—must be suppressed as a violation of the Miranda rule.

Naraja also ruled that the Miranda rule protects against violations of the self-incrimination clause of the Fifth Amendment.

However, he said, the self-incrimination clause is not implicated by the admission into evidence of the physical fruit of a voluntary statement.

In May 2008, the Cabrera sisters along with Barbie Ann B. Cabrera were sentenced to one day in prison and one year of probation over a rash of shoplifting cases on Saipan.



Naraja

Live-fire exercises on Farallon de Medinilla

The U.S. Navy will conduct live-fire exercises on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Aug. 24-28, from 9am to 9pm.

The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon de Medinilla Training Area on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. The general public—especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from this area during the time and dates indicated.

The Farallon de Medinilla Target Range is

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Eleventh CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, August 26-27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Bldg., Capitol Hill, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary (Wed., 9:00 a.m.)
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes
 - i. May 14, 2009 SBOE Meeting
 - ii. June 30, 2009 SBOE Meeting
- II. Public Comments¹
- III. Reports
 - a. Chair
 - b. Board Committees
 - i. CIA
 - ii. CIP
 - iii. FPA
 - iv. LIA
 - v. School Reform
 - vi. Special Education & Early Childhood Private Schools & Non-Public School Representative
 - vii. Student Representative
 - e. Commissioner of Education
 - i. Opening of School Year 2009 – 2010
 - ii. Students Achievement Assessment Reports (SBA, SAT10)
 - iii. Financial Status Reports (Federal, Local)
 - iv. Grant Applications Status Reports
 - v. Personnel
 - vi. Head Start Program Report
 - vii. Other matters
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Pay Differential for SPED re Implementation Date
 - b. Head Start Personnel Additional Benefits – Proposed Final Rules
 - c. Goals and Priorities for SY'09-'10
 - d. Evaluation Instruments for COE
 - e. Policy 60-20-430(c) – Grade Placement for Transfer Students [formerly 2510(c)]
- V. Executive Session (Thurs., 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)²
 - a. Legal Updates
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Other matters
- VI. New Business
 - a. Nutrition Assistance Grant FY 2010
 - b. Head Start Supplemental T&TA Grant Application for Outer Pacific Training
 - c. Pay Differential for School Leadership
 - d. Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse or Suspected Child Abuse - Proposed Rules
 - e. Inclusion of Reporting all Prior Employment Discipline/Performance for Teaching Certificate/Jobs - Proposed Rules
 - f. Amendment to Record Retention for job applications and eligibility lists §§60-30.3-114 and 60-30.3-138 of the NMI Admin. Code, ref. 1306 & 1207 old – Proposed Rules
 - g. Annualization of 190 Days Contract Issue
 - h. Transfer of Certification & Licensure function from HRO to BOE
 - i. Comments to HB 16-257 (Workers' Compensation)
 - j. Evaluation of PSS Effectiveness
 - k. Inclusion of additional items in reports to track PSS goals
 - l. Formalization of additional committee members
- VII. Miscellaneous Matters
 - a. Legal Counsel Travel Report
 - b. Communication Tools between BOE & PSS
 - c. Wreath Expenditure
- VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting
- IX. Adjournment

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EDITORIAL

No longer an option

Maybe the White House meant to signal that it was backing away from its commitment to a "public option" as part of new health insurance exchanges. Or maybe the hedging words of administration officials were over-interpreted on an otherwise sleepy Sunday morning in August. It doesn't much matter, because, either way, the reality is that, if the Obama administration wants to get health reform done, it's going to have to back away from the public option sooner or later—and it's getting awfully late.

This is not a matter of ideology but of political nose-counting. The kind of comprehensive health reform that the president rightly wants—changes that would extend affordable coverage to millions of people and help slow the growth of health-care costs—requires 60 votes in the Senate. Democrats could muscle through some provisions with 50 votes, but a Senate rule limits how much can be done through that route. Measures such as establishing insurance exchanges or imposing new coverage requirements on insurance companies, as President Obama has been emphasizing, might be vulnerable to being stricken. And there's no way to amass 60 votes with a public option in the bill.

To listen to some Democrats talk, reform without a public option is scarcely worth doing. This is crazy. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Texas, has asserted that "without the public option, we'll have the same number of people uninsured. If the insurance companies wanted to insure these people now, they'd be insured." But under the proposed reforms, even without a public option, insurance companies would have to agree to cover people regardless of their health status. The government would extend Medicaid coverage to millions and provide subsidies so that millions more could purchase insurance. Mr. Obama was right when he described the public option as "just one sliver" of the overall proposal.

The Post's Michael D. Shear and Ceci Connolly report that the president's advisers have been taken aback by the ferocity with which the left is opposing dropping the public option. That seems hard to believe. We wrote back in April that the left's "fixation on a public plan is bizarre and counterproductive." If anything, the administration fanned the flames of this irrationality with its repeated statements about the importance of the public plan. Now it is paying the price.

There's blame to go around, and there will be even more if reform fails, but the most disappointing performance has come from Republicans who sense a political opportunity and seem unwilling to accept any proffered compromise. It's ridiculous to describe the proposed nonprofit cooperatives a "Trojan horse" public plan, in the words of Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., the minority whip. Whether these cooperatives would add much to the mix is a reasonable question; equating them with a public plan that could dictate Medicare-based rates to providers is nonsense. Republicans are enjoying August more than their Democratic colleagues, but they risk overplaying their hand.

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A book review of a sort

By JAIME VERGARA
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Hawaiian Paniolo, A Cowboy in the Islands
By Joe Race
2007 Elite Printing, Saipan

Apaniolo by any other name is still a bandanna'd dick-head willfully butting personal fate against cosmic destiny along historical currents blithely and wildly blowing in the wind. In this case, Joe Race takes us on the journey of a Union Virginian who goes to the bandido-infested southwest after the American civil war, to the gold rush in Hispanic California by the Iberian barrios of the City of Angels and Sausalito of the Bay Area in San Francisco where he is shanghai'd to, well, Shanghai, and returns to find a home where he belongs on the slopes of Mauna Kea as a horse whisperer in the famed Parker ranch of the big island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

Now, if one does not recognize a tall tale yarned in the tradition of the whittling cowhand along the dusty trails west of the Pecos, one is unfamiliar with the imagination of a former law enforcement badge now denizen along the Saipan shores, who evidently grew up with the enthusiasm of the singing duo of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, brushed by the optimism of a Gene Audrey, weaned in the raunchy literary style of Penthouse and Hustler magazines, and flamboyantly flaunts his characters with the cavalier moral epitude of a Kennedy or Clinton at the Oval office, and the wickedly delightful recollection of an imperial palace *xiao lao po* or *kuai fei* (concubine).

Of course, my limited acquaintance of Cowboys do not go further than being a sideline enthusiasts of the gridiron ways of America's Team in the good old Cotton Bowl Field days in Dallas when Don Meredith was still throwing the pigskin, JR Ewing hung his hat in Arlington, and the diminutive pony of SMU was a commercial ad symbol of Ford's youth market bourgeoisie playboy play toy, the Mustang, as the equally diminutive but agile Jerry Levias was giving Texas size headaches to the coaching staff of the SW Conference top-rated Aggies.

I did manage to breakfast out in the range, as part of Southern Methodist U's hospitality to foreign students, when I was invited to spend a weekend in one alumni's ranch and was feted a mesquite-fired steak barbecue at the crack of dawn around a bonfire with field hands who then hardly saddled up, rather, rounded the herd in stereo-blaring 4-wheelers and motorized trail bikes! With that, I claim my level of expertise on the roping rednecks of the rodeo.

But back to our raconteur and our *paniolo*. The story itself is pulp fiction, singular in thread and uncluttered with ancillary plots. But the delight is in the telling. I had expected cynicism and sardonic humor from a weathered leatherneck curmudgeon but Joe Race's story telling has the light touch of a maiden tipping her toes on the spring waters of the seven holes of West Maui.

Reading the Hawaiian *Paniolo* is just like imbibing on a frozen glass of margarita by the Oleai Bar and Grill *lanai* watching for the rare green

flash phenomenon that earns one a free drink on the house, nibbling on delicately prepared and exquisitely presented hors d'oeuvres while devouring a bowlful of nachos on Rota-red-pepper-laced dip, waiting for the main course of Angus beef. These, while imagining the heaving adventures of bucking broncos of the three-legged variety, makes for an interesting prelude to the eight p.m. opening of mama-san's Midnight karaoke bar across the street.

If the reader has yet to catch up with my drift, Joe Race serves not just a straightforward story but an aromatic dish of contemporary issues without the heavy-duty tome of academe. For instance, we are clear what needs to be done with the Diego Socorro bandits of the world, but the character Bobby who was absconded as a young boy to join as an unwilling outlaw the marauding posse raises the issue today of the young lads and lassies in Africa and the Muslim world who are recruited to be boy and girl soldiers, combatants for a cause that they can hardly yet understand but will have to pay for with their lives, as in the case of the suicide bombers, or with their lifelong incarceration as budding terrorists finding themselves behind bars.

Then there is prim and proper Miss Lucy whose sense of propriety belies a wildness of her feminine wiles. The post-free love era of the Age of Aquarius has redefined contemporary sense of sexuality and the practices thereof, and we find the pristine air of the island ways rather instructive. Consider the free wheeling Maka of Samoa whose trysting is reminiscent of the island ways of the Carolinian Utt. The good humored practicality of the sex slaves Han Bo and Feng Cho of Los Angeles, and needy Sing Ting of Shanghai are copy cats of their sisters in Saipan who had come as garment factory workers from the Yangtze river plains and the Manchurian landscape only to end up as sex workers for the fledgling tourism industry on Saipan, abetted by Yakuza muscles and the organized Tongs, along with some of Saipan's uniformed finest!

The economic model of the Parker ranch and the economic ingenuity it created drives to fore the promise of the Tinian herds as well as the Pagan *pussalan*. The CNMI is not a place of economic planners who begin with an inventory of native resources, natural, human or technological; ours is an economy of dependence to masters located inside a beltway somewhere and to functionaries in a five-sided structure close to a river and a national airport. Ours is a captive economy quartered in an extension of the southwest quadrant of Washington in the District of Columbia.

Yet, the islands of this Commonwealth, from the protected Marianas marine monument up north to the fertile arable lands of STAR in the south, are abundant source of convertible resources that has both a market for domestic needs and global demands. The human resource alone corrals a multiplicity of talent from diverse cultures that could easily be vanguard on the wedgeblade of history, but we fritter our decision-making powers on partisan divisiveness, parochial protectionist policies and defensive indigenous fear-mongering that the human spirit is left bereft of energy and creativity.

I said that I have a limited acquaintance with cowboys though I grew up in Luzon where beef is called *carne norte*, which would be

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How were Social Security numbers given away?

CONCORD, New Hampshire (AP)—When Tropical Storm Chataan struck the Federated States of Micronesia in 2002, the U.S. government sent 1,300 blankets, 4,000 disposable diapers, 30 cases of sardines—and my Social Security number.

The nine digits that govern so much of Americans' identities are supposed to be ours for life—and only ours. But mine ended up linked to a Micronesian man who defaulted on a disaster loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

I didn't find out until March, in a letter from a debt collector threatening to garnish my wages if I didn't pay \$7,306 in two days. The same could happen to an unknown number of others, because of a processing glitch that the U.S. Social Security Administration didn't even know existed and the federal government hasn't fixed.

Who is giving away American Social Security numbers to strangers in other lands? The answer is not so simple.

The problem involves three Pacific island nations, each of which has its own, independent Social Security Administration. The three—the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau—grant defense rights in the region to the U.S., and in exchange receive aid, including grants and loans after disasters.

For instance, the Federal Emergency Management Agency sent \$20 million to 9,700 people in the Federated States of Micronesia after the 2002 storm. The three countries together have received USDA housing grants and loans worth \$33 million since 2000.

Some federal agencies collect locally-issued Social Security numbers from grant and loan applicants and report them to credit bureaus as if they were U.S. numbers, regardless of whether the numbers already are in use.

That's the beginning of the problem, which isn't identity theft but can create some of the same headaches when identities become linked in the eyes of lenders or creditors.

"This can really slow you down if there is a default or a history of bad payment," said Chris Jay Hoofnagle, director of information privacy programs at the Berkeley Center for Law and Technology.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has known for years that it cre-

ates "overlapping" Social Security numbers when granting loans in the three island nations, said Donald Etes of the agency's rural development office in Hawaii. The office that processes loans is working on a fix, but there have been no software or policy changes yet, he said.

My own case—involving a Micronesian man who failed to repay an SBA loan—illustrates how the resulting hassles play out and also shows that I'm probably not alone. Of 299 people in Micronesia who took out SBA loans, more than 200 haven't paid up, increasing the odds that others have shared my experience. No one has a good estimate of numbers.

The collection agency told me the debt, though listed under another name, was associated with my Social Security number. Despite knowing I wasn't at fault, I felt my face grow hot as the debt collector rattled off a list of everywhere I had ever lived.

"You've never had any debt like this?" he pressed. "NEVER?"

He backed off within days, but I spent weeks calling and e-mailing federal agencies, banks, credit bureaus and collection agencies in four countries and five time zones trying to untangle the rest. In many cases, no one could explain why it happened, because they weren't convinced it could happen.

It turns out that Social Security numbers in two of the three Pacific Island nations don't even have nine digits like U.S. numbers. They have eight, but some U.S. computers automatically add a zero to the front to fill in the blank.

Sometimes, that creates new numbers beginning with a double-zero—just like New Hampshire's Social Security numbers, and Maine's.

Bottom line: If your U.S. number starts with 002-6, 003-9, 005-7 or 007-8, it could match a number in Micronesia. Numbers that start 006-4 could match numbers in Palau. Those that start with 004 could match numbers in the Marshall Islands.

That works out to roughly 135,000 possible matches, according to an Associated Press comparison of the numbering systems. But no one knows how many actually exist.

Jeff Whitcomb of Keene, New Hampshire, had no idea that public record databases show his Social Security number linked to someone in Micronesia, but he wasn't overly alarmed. As far as he knows, he hasn't been harmed by the connection.

By HOLLY RAMER
Associated Press Writer



"It seems to me it's likely an innocent mistake, but one that bears watching," he said. "It makes me want to most definitely do business with small, local financial institutions that know me, and not just my Social Security number."

Do other factors contribute to the identity sharing?

The region's major financial player—the Bank of Guam—says it differentiates between local Social Security numbers and U.S. numbers, but won't say how.

None of the three major credit reporting agencies has any way to distinguish between U.S. Social Security numbers and those issued in the three island nations, said industry spokesman Norm Magnuson, who answered questions on behalf of all three agencies.

Surely the four nations' Social Security administrations were aware of this, right? Not a one.

"I thought U.S. government agencies only accepted U.S.-assigned numbers," said Gregory Ngirmang, head of the Republic of Palau Social Security Administration.

The credit bureaus say call the Social Security Administration. But Social Security mainly cares about crediting wages earned by American workers to the right person. If that's not an issue, it's not their problem.

Social Security says try the credit bureaus, or the Federal Trade Commission. But the FTC investigates identity theft, and this isn't theft.

"This is the trouble consumers have. There are obvious questions that need answers, and they don't have to answer you," said Evan Hendricks, author of "Credit Scores and Credit Reports." "You're sort of highlighting how wrong things can go, and how powerless you are to do anything."

Letters to the Editor

Fruit of our fathers

"The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second best time is today."

—Chinese proverb

The most rewarding and fulfilling Beautify CNMI activity is to plant a tree. There is something about planting a tree that connects you to the rest of nature and humanity. I experience this connection when I drive down the road with friends who have helped me plant trees and point out the exact trees they planted every time we pass them.

"There's the 1,000th tree we planted in 2006." "Remember how hard it was raining when we planted this stretch of trees?" "My tree is doing well, isn't it? I stop by every once in a while and sprinkle

some fertilizer on it."

The life of a single tree can span generations of humans. Take for example the many fruit trees at my father's house planted by my grandfather. What an amazing connection to the past to think that when a coconut is opened to feed the chickens or when a ripe mango is enjoyed, it is in essence my grandfather's hand still providing for his family.

My favorite example of what it means to plant a tree, which I regularly use as a metaphor for the work of Beautify CNMI, is the planting of a single breadfruit tree. The breadfruit tree that is planted today will grow several years before it is able to produce fruit, but it will immediately provide beauty and shade. When it begins to produce fruit, it produces fruit in abundance, providing for families and fanihii alike. The tree has other uses as well. Bark can be used to make rope and clothing and the sap can be used to caulk a

canoe. Decades later when that breadfruit has grown into a mature tree dominating the forest canopy, it can be carved into a canoe, connecting us to the rest of Micronesia. All this from the simple act of planting a single tree.

I hope that one day my grandchildren will hike through the Laolao area hillsides and reminisce on how their forbearers turned a denuded, barren hillside into a rich, diverse forest. Thank you to the more than 100 volunteers who came out on a Sunday morning to help carry and plant tree saplings up on a hard-to-reach hillside and thank you to all the community members who donated coconuts saplings for our planting. This was truly a community effort and shows once again what can be accomplished when we work together.

Angelo Villagomez
Gualo Rai, Saipan

ing is not mandatory, that shelters are not a pressing issue, and that the island is limited to one veterinarian. Step up to the plate and take care of your people, both the two- and four-legged kind.

Mary McCartney
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Support the troops!

Hafa Adai! The Family Readiness Group of Echo Company Det1 is pleased to share the happy news that our local heroes are coming home this Sunday, 1pm, at the Saipan International Airport!

To celebrate their homecoming, we invite the entire community to join us in welcoming our local warriors, who have been fighting the Global War on Terrorism in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. We will be displaying "Welcome Home" banners, flags and yellow ribbons and would like to invite the community to please join us in showing support for those who have risked their lives for our freedom! Show your support, CNMI!

Rita L. Chargualaf
FRG Leader

See what I mean about Race's *Paniolo* story not just a simple cowboy narrative? Joe Race is a prolific writer with 10 published works by my last count. Check the sweat of his prowess at www.joerace.com. Enjoy his stories and just as importantly, confront the musings of your own mind. *Rider Up!*

A BOOK

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where my parents are from. We did have yodeling cowboys in my

childhood but they were more for radio broadcast than the callous hands of the farm. But I do know a lot about the sisterhood in the House of Horus with their quality *Eleven Minutes* service (google Paulo Coelho), particularly the Chinglish variety, but that will have to wait for another telling.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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| London | Mostly Sunny | ▲ 73 ▼ 54 |
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| Melbourne | Showers | ▲ 60 ▼ 49 |
| Miami | Thundershowers | ▲ 91 ▼ 79 |
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| Salem | Mostly Sunny | ▲ 83 ▼ 49 |
| San Francisco | Cloudy | ▲ 74 ▼ 59 |
| Seoul | Mostly Cloudy | ▲ 86 ▼ 68 |
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Tides

| Saipan Harbor | |
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| 8:23 AM Today | High Tide: 2.1 Feet |
| 3:09 PM Today | Low Tide: 0.1 Feet |
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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

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SAIPAN-CUAM

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| C09601 | 12:30pm | 1:20pm | 4, 5 |
| C09603 | 3:30pm | 4:20pm | Daily |
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| C09599 | 9:30pm | 10:20pm | Daily |

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

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| C0941 | 5:30am | 8:05am | Daily |
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| NW78 | 9:00am | 2:05pm | Daily via NGO |
| NW75 | 3:50pm | 6:25pm | Daily |
| C0943 | 5:25pm | 8:00pm | Daily |

SAIPAN-Osaka (KIX)

OZ119 4:00am 6:40am Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

NW78 9:00am 11:40am Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608 3:20am 6:50am 1, 4, 5, 7

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| OZ606 | 3:30pm | 7:00pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |

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FM844 2:50am 5:40am 2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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| OZ604/703 | 2:50am | 11:25am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| C09603/933 | 3:30pm | 8:40pm | Daily via GUM |
| C09599/PR111 | 9:30pm | 7:45am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| C0934/9596 | 10:55pm | 7:50am+1 | Daily via GUM |
| OZ716/605 | 12:30am | 2:30pm | 2, 4, 6 via ICN |

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

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| OZ604/721 | 2:20am | 11:45am | 1 via ICN |
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HONG KONG-SAIPAN

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| OZ722/603 | 1:15pm | 1:00am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/603 | 1:15pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.

Schedule of Religious Services

CATHOLIC

Mt. Carmel Cathedral
Sunday Mass: 6am, 9am, 11am and 6pm
Monday-Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm

Korean Center
Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

Kristo Rai Parish
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am
Monday-Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm
Saturday: 6am and 6pm

Nuestra Senora De Soledad Parish
Wednesday Mass: 6pm
First Friday Healing Mass: 6pm
Saturday Mass: 6pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am & 9am

Saint Jude Parish
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Wednesday and Thursday: 6pm

San Antonio Parish
Sunday: 6am and 8am
Tuesday and Friday: 6pm

San Francisco de Borja-Rota
Sunday: 6am and 8am
Monday-Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6pm

San Isidro-Rota
Sunday: 5am and 10am
Monday-Wednesday: 7pm
Thursday-Saturday: 5am and 7pm

San Jose (Oleai) Parish
Sunday: 6am and 7:30am
Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday: 6pm

San Roque Parish
Sunday: 9am
Wednesday: 6pm
Saturday: 10:30am

San Vicente Parish
Sunday: 6am, 9am and 6pm
Monday-Saturday: 6pm

Santa Remedios
Sunday: 7:30am
Tuesday: 6pm
Saturday: 10am-Baptism

Santa Soledad
Sunday: 7:30am

PROTESTANT

Born Again Christian (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan
Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm
Saturday Tagalog Service: 8:10-30pm
Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
Sunday School for Children: 10-11am
Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm

Chinese Christian Church of Saipan
Worship Services: Sunday, 10am and 7:30pm
Bible Study: Tuesday-Friday, 9:25pm

Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan
Worship/Study Opportunities
Adult Sunday School: 9am
Youth Sunday School: 9am
English Worship Service Sunday: 10am
Sunday Service: 5:30pm
Worship/Fellowship Sunday: 9:30pm
Evangelism/Follow-up: Sunday/Monday: 1:30/7:30pm
Worship Team: Monday/Saturday-9pm;
Cell Groups Tuesday: 7:30pm
Mid-week Service: 7:30pm
Prayer Meeting Wednesday: 7:30pm
Leader's Bible Study Friday: 7:30pm
Cornerstone School of Ministry Saturday: 7:30pm

Thy Word Ministries Saipan
Faith Center
Phone 234-0209
New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Pao, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches.

Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi
Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi
Service Times
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan
Worship Service: 9am
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: Monday-Saturday: 6am
Sunday: 7am
Home Cell Bible Study: Wednesday-Friday: 7pm
Youth Service: Friday: 5:30pm

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan
Wednesday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (English)
Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

Immanuel United Methodist Church Kobilerville
Sunday Services
9:00 AM
Place of the church-next to Mt. Carmel Cathedral on Chalan Kanoa Dr. • Tel: 322-6158
Pastor JJ Matsumoto

Immanuel Methodist Church (Filipino Congregation)
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug 22, 2000

Easing of gun control sparks debate in House

Legislation aimed at luring resort developments offering shooting practice and target ranges sparked debate yesterday in the House of Representatives after some members balked at the proposal to ease use of handguns in the Northern Marianas. HB 12-212, sponsored by House Floor Leader Oscar M. Babauta, narrowly passed with six "yes" votes against four "no" votes, while four others abstained. An amendment to the Weapons Control Act, the measure now heads to the Senate for action. In endorsing the bill, the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism said this is an incentive to attract major developers of so-called "shooting resorts."

Gov't spending down significantly

While the Tenorio Administration's cost-cutting measures allowed the continued delivery of basic social services to the Northern Marianas community, the austerity program can only go to a certain extent unless supplemented by concrete actions that would spur growth in the turtle-paced rally of the local economy. Faced with the task of efficiently running the government through limited funding, the Commonwealth is also rushing to identify potential business activities that may save further collapse of the economy in order to nourish public coffers.

Aug 22, 2001

Breakwater study done by October

Results of the reconnaissance and assessment study on the present condition of the breakwater on Tinian and on Rota are expected to be completed in October, according to the United States Department of Army. Army Commanding officer Robert B. Flowers said the assessment of the potential navigational improvements at Rota and Tinian harbors started last March. Flowers explained that site investigations were conducted to evaluate the existing condition of the Tinian harbor breakwater and to assist the navigational condition of the Rota seaport.

Proposed ban on harmful detergents gains ground

Sen. Ricardo S. Atalig has vowed to support the passage of a bill that seeks to prohibit the sale, manufacture, distribution or use of detergents containing phosphate, saying that such a bill is necessary for the protection of the environment. Atalig said in an interview yesterday that he supports House Bill 12-167, or the Phosphate Detergent Act, 100 percent and that he will push for the measure's passage during the next Senate session. "Yes, I will support the passage of House Bill 12-167 and I intend to have this included in the bills that we will tackle during the next Senate session, which may be on Thursday or Friday," Atalig said.

Aug 22, 2002

Anti-corruption unit mulled

Faced with a growing pile of referrals from the Office of the Public Auditor, the Attorney General's Office is planning to create a unit comprised of two lawyers that would solely handle public corruption cases and the collection of funds owed to the CNMI government. Attorney General Robert T. Torres told reporters yesterday that his office is mulling the creation of the Public Corruption and Debt Collection Unit, in response to the accumulating referrals from the OPA that have been outstanding for many years already. "This unit will work with our investigators, in concert with other agencies like the Department of Finance and OPA, to prioritize the OPA referrals and collect funds from contracts that are deemed illegal or if there has been some overpayment, as well as funds owed by either citizens or contractors to the government," said Torres.

Task force formed to address NMI's groundwater problems

The Division of Environmental Quality has formed a groundwater task force that will pool inter-agency efforts to address Saipan's groundwater problem. Based on a study conducted by the U.S. Environmental Agency in 2000, several water wells in at least four villages on Saipan-San Antonio, As Lito, Lower Base and Puerto Rico have been drawing water from aquifers contaminated with volatile organic compounds exceeding the maximum contaminant levels allowed for human consumption. The same study also showed that, based on sampling tests from several wells located in Tanapag, Marpi, Lower Base and Puerto Rico, the wells contain high levels of thallium, a metal that may cause death when ingested.

Business

Cash for Clunkers ends this Monday

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration will end the popular \$3 billion Cash for Clunkers program on Monday, giving car shoppers a few more days to take advantage of big government incentives.

The Transportation Department said Thursday that the government will wind down the program on Monday at 8 p.m. EDT. Car buyers can receive rebates of \$3,500 or \$4,500 for trading in older vehicles for new, more fuel-efficient models.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said the program has been "a lifeline to the automobile industry, jump starting a major sector of the economy and putting people back to work." He said the

department was "working toward an orderly wind down of this very popular program."

The White House has touted the program's success in providing a targeted boost to the sluggish economy since its inception in late July. Through Thursday, auto dealers have made deals worth \$1.9 billion and the incentives have generated more than 457,000 vehicle sales.

But the administration needed to put a halt to the program to avoid surpassing the \$3 billion funding level. Consumers were on pace to exhaust the program's coffers in early September and dealers have complained about long delays in getting reimbursed for the car incentives.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Weak job market could hamper economic recovery

WASHINGTON (AP)—The job market is thawing at a snail's pace, raising doubts about whether consumer spending will become vigorous enough to sustain an economic recovery anytime soon. An index of economic indicators and a regional manufacturing report released Thursday raised some optimism. But an unexpected rise in first-time claims for unemployment aid signaled that jobless Americans are still having a hard time finding work. Americans may see little benefit from a recovery if jobs remain scarce and consumer spending stays too low to fuel a strong economic rebound.

Mortgage delinquencies hit record high in Q2

WASHINGTON (AP)—With the recession throwing thousands of people out of work daily, more than 13 percent of American homeowners with a mortgage have fallen behind on their payments or are in foreclosure. The record-high numbers released Thursday by the Mortgage Bankers Association are being driven by borrowers with traditional fixed-rate mortgages, rather than the shady subprime loans with adjustable rates that kicked off the mortgage crisis. As of June, more than 4 percent of all borrowers were in foreclosure, while about 9 percent had missed at least one payment.

Stocks advance on more signs of economic pickup

NEW YORK (AP)—More signs that the economy is creeping toward recovery encouraged investors to move further into stocks—but at a cautious pace. Stocks rose moderately Thursday in very light volume. There were no dramatic economic reports, but a smattering of positive data convinced investors to take more chances on stocks. Financials were particularly in demand after a report quoting American International Group Inc.'s CEO as saying the company will repay its bailout loans from the government.

Nation

On defense, Obama woos right, left on health care

WASHINGTON (AP)—With control of the health care debate slipping from his grasp, President Barack Obama pitched his ambitious plan to both conservative talk radio and his own liberal supporters Thursday—and denied a challenge from one backer that he was “bucklin’ a little bit” under Republican criticism.

Liberals were on the verge of revolt as Obama refused to say any final deal must include a government-run insurance option, while Republicans pressed their all-but-unified opposition to the White House effort. Obama, who will leave Washington Friday on vacation, said reason would prevail and it was no time to panic.

“I guarantee you ... we are going to get health care reform done. And I know that there are a lot of people out there who have been hand-wringing, and folks in the press are following every little twist and turn of the

legislative process,” Obama told a caller to Philadelphia-based radio talk show host Michael Smerconish during a broadcast from the White House Diplomatic Reception Room.

“You know, passing a big bill like this is always messy.”

Obama is struggling to regain the momentum on a comprehensive bill that would extend health coverage to nearly 50 million Americans who lack it and restrain skyrocketing costs. Opponents of the overhaul have drowned out supporters at lawmakers’ town halls around the country this month, and public backing for Obama’s effort has slipped in opinion polls. Congressional Democratic leaders are preparing to go it alone on legislation, although bipartisan negotiations continue in the Senate.

On the defensive, Obama is embracing a new role of fact checker-in-chief, trying to cor-

rect untrue claims such as that the proposals would provide health care for illegal immi-

grants, create “death panels” or pay for abortions with taxpayer dollars. Aides say the situation

Veterans start over as colleges ignore experience

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)—Twelve years of military service left Donald Spradling highly trained in satellite imagery, nuclear engineering and foreign intelligence analysis. None of that made a difference to the University of Missouri.

When the fall semester begins next week, the 33-year-old father of five will be taking largely introductory courses with the rest of the school’s freshmen.

“I’m going to be studying things I already learned all over again,” the Navy veteran said.

Nearly half a million veterans are expected on college campuses this year as part of the new

SC Powerball ticket wins \$259.9 million jackpot

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—Someone who bought a Powerball ticket in South Carolina is a whole lot richer.

The single winning ticket for Wednesday’s \$259.9 million drawing was sold at a gas station and convenience store next to a Wal-Mart in Columbia.

South Carolina Education Lottery spokeswoman Stephanie Hemminghaus said no one came forward Thursday to claim the prize.

She said the longest someone had waited to claim a similar prize was about two weeks. The winner will have the option of taking a lump sum payment of \$129 million or an annuity worth \$259.9 million paid out in 29 yearly installments. State and federal taxes will be withheld, and Hemminghaus estimated that someone who took the lump sum payment would end up with about \$88 million.

“I hope it’s one of my regulars,” said Amber Baldwin, assistant manager at the Murphy USA store in Columbia. “At this point, it could be anyone.”



President Barack Obama speaks during the Organizing for America National Health Care Forum, Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009, at the Democratic National Headquarters in Washington.

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what university education sets out to do,” he said. “We’re looking to build on a framework, a foundation of knowledge.”

At Boston College, a private school, the standard has always been to accept credit only for institutions of higher education, said school spokesman Jack Dunn.

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For Spradling and others, that can mean spending more on tuition, stretching financial aid or

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World

WORLD BRIEFS

Low turnout seen in Afghan election; 26 killed

KABUL (AP)—Millions of Afghans defied threats Thursday to cast ballots in the country's second national elections since Taliban rule, but turnout appeared weaker this time because of continuing violence, fear and disenchantment. In much of the Taliban's southern strongholds, many people did not dare to vote, bolstering the hopes of President Hamid Karzai's chief rival. At least 26 people were killed in election-related violence, fewer than had been feared.

40 dead in Somalia fighting, witnesses say

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—Fighting between government soldiers and Islamic insurgents killed at least 40 people in central Somalia on Thursday as the warring sides tried to gain ground in strategic towns. Witnesses also reported seeing troops from neighboring Ethiopia roll into the country—a development that would enrage insurgents who saw Ethiopia as an occupying force after it helped drive out Islamists in 2006.

Group finds more unmarked graves in Indian Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Rights workers have discovered several unmarked graves containing about 1,500 unidentified bodies in Indian Kashmir, a prominent rights group said Thursday, alleging that some of corpses were likely innocent people killed by government forces. Researchers from the Association of Parents of Disappeared People, or APDP, says at least eight of the graves held more than one body. An Indian official said the bodies were likely those of militants killed over the past 20 years in fighting for control of the Himalayan region.

Officials: US missile strike kills 9 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A missile fired from a suspected U.S. unmanned plane destroyed a suspected militant hide-out in northwest Pakistan on Friday, killing at least nine people in a stronghold of a jihadi leader blamed for attacks in Afghanistan, intelligence officials said. The attack Friday was on a housing compound in the village of Dande Darpa Khel, near Miran Shah in North Waziristan.

Lockerbie bomber freed, returns as hero to Libya

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—The only man convicted of the Lockerbie bombing returned home Thursday to a cheering crowd after his release from a Scottish prison—an outrage to many relatives of the 270 people who perished when Pan Am Flight 103 exploded.

President Barack Obama said the Scottish decision to free terminally ill Abdel Baset al-Megrahi on compassionate grounds was a mistake and said he should be under house arrest. Obama warned Libya not to give him a hero's welcome.

Despite the warning, thousands of young men were on hand at a Tripoli airport where al-Megrahi's

plane touched down. Some threw flower petals as he stepped from the plane. He wore a dark suit and a burgundy tie and appeared visibly tired.

He was accompanied by Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's son, Saif al-Islam Gadhafi, who was dressed in a traditional white robe and golden embroidered vest. The son pledged last year to bring al-Megrahi home and raised his hand victoriously to the crowd as he exited the plane. They then sped off in a convoy of white sedans.

International photographers and camera crews—along with most Libyan broadcast media—

were barred from filming the arrival at the airport, which decades ago had been part of a U.S. air base.

Al-Megrahi's release disgusted many victims' relatives.

"You get that lump in your throat and you feel like you're going to throw up," said Norma Maslowski, of Haddonfield, New Jersey, whose 30-year-old daughter, Diane, died in the attack.

"This isn't about compassionate release. This is part of give-Gadhafi-what-he-wants-so-we-can-have-the-oil," said Susan Cohen, of Cape May Court House, New Jersey. Her 20-year-old daughter, Theodora, was killed.

At home, al-Megrahi, 57, is seen as an innocent scapegoat the West used to turn this African nation into a pariah. At the airport, some wore T-shirts with his picture and waved Libyan and miniature blue-and-white Scottish flags. Libyan songs blared in the background.

"It's a great day for us," 24-year-old Abdel-Aal Mansour said. "He belongs here, at home."

Moammar Gadhafi lobbied hard for the return of al-Megrahi, an issue which took on an added sense of urgency when al-Megrahi was diagnosed with prostate cancer last year. He was recently given only months to live.

The former Libyan intelligence officer was convicted in 2001 of taking part in the bombing on Dec. 21, 1988, and sentenced to life in prison for Britain's deadliest terrorist attack. The airliner exploded over Scotland and all 259 people aboard and 11 on the ground died when it crashed into the town of Lockerbie.

Al-Megrahi's conviction was largely based on the testimony of a shopkeeper who identified him as having bought a man's shirt in his store in Malta. Scraps of the garment were later found wrapped around a timing device discovered in the wreckage of the airliner.

WHO predicts 'explosion' of swine flu cases ahead

BEIJING (AP)—The global spread of swine flu will endanger more lives as it speeds up in coming months and governments must boost preparations for a swift response, the World Health Organization said Friday.

There will soon be a period of further global spread of the virus, and most countries may see swine flu cases double every three to four days for several months until peak transmission is reached, said WHO's Western Pacific director, Shin Young-soo.

"At a certain point, there will seem to be an explosion in case numbers," Shin told a symposium of health officials and experts in Beijing. "It is certain there will be more cases and more deaths."

WHO has declared the swine flu strain a pandemic, and it has killed almost 1,800 people worldwide through last week. International attention has focused on how the pandemic is progressing in southern hemisphere countries such as Australia, which are experiencing winter and their flu season.

But it is in developing countries where the accelerated spread of swine flu poses the greatest threat as it places underequipped and underfunded health systems under severe strain, Shin said.

Governments must act quickly to educate the public, prepare their health systems to care for severe cases and protect those deemed more vulnerable to prevent unnecessary deaths, he said.

"We only have a short time period to reach the state of preparedness deemed necessary," Shin said. "Communities must be aware before a pandemic strikes as to what they can do to reduce the spread of the virus, and how to obtain early treatment of severe cases."

Pregnant women face a higher risk of complications, and the virus also has more severe effects on people with underlying medical conditions such as asthma, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, autoimmune disorders and diabetes, WHO chief Margaret Chan said in a video address.



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Overseas vote enlistment only 20 pct. of target

By LIRA DALANGIN-FERNANDEZ
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MANILA, Philippines—With 12 days to go before the deadline, only 186,106 new voters have registered in various posts under the overseas absentee voting registration, the Department of Foreign Affairs said Thursday.

The number, recorded as of August 19, represents less than 20 percent (18.6 percent) of the target 1 million new registrants who can vote in the May 2010 election.

New voters have only until

1. Who may register?

All citizens of the Philippines who intend to vote abroad, at least 18 years of age on the day of the elections and not otherwise disqualified by law may register as overseas absentee voter (OAV).

2. When can one register?

Applications for OAV registration shall be filed from February 1 to August 31, 2009.

3. What does application refer to?

There are six types of application:

- registration/certification as OAV and to vote in absentia;
- transfer of registration record;
- reinstatement in the national registry of OAV;
- correction of wrong entries/misspelled names/change of name and other entries;
- withdrawal of application for registration/certification pending approval; and

■ reactivation of registration records for voters who failed to vote in two previous elections;

4. What about Filipinos returning from abroad and who intend to vote in the country in 2010?

They should transfer their voter's registration to their local Comelec office; they have until September 30 to do so.

5. What are the requirements for applying for OAV registration?

Every applicant should submit a valid Philippine passport to establish his identity. In the absence of a valid passport, a certification of the Department of Foreign Affairs that it has reviewed the appropriate documents submitted by the applicant and found them sufficient to warrant the issuance of a passport, or that the applicant is a holder of a valid passport but is unable to produce the same for a valid reason.

6. Are there special requirements for seafarers?

Yes, a photocopy of the Seaman's Book or any other pertinent documents.

7. What are the additional requirements for dual citizens?

For a dual citizen, the original or certified true copy of the Order of Approval of his/her application to retain or reacquire his/her Filipino citizenship or Oath of Allegiance issued by the Post or the Bureau of Immigration.

8. Where can one register?

OFWs and Filipinos abroad can register at Philippine embassies, consulates, and other designated registration centers abroad. Departing overseas Filipino workers or those processing their papers can register in special voter's registration centers at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport and Terminal 2 which is open from Mondays to Sundays, or at the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency in Ortigas and the Commission on Filipinos Overseas in Manila, both of which are open from Mondays to Fridays. (INQUIRER.net)

August 31 to register in various posts abroad.

According to the DFA, the following foreign service posts recorded the highest number of registrants: Hong Kong (19,691), Dubai (10,390), Los Angeles (9,885), Singapore (8,311), Riyadh (5,627), New York (5,531), London (5,351), Toronto (4,589), Tokyo (4,506), and Taipei (4,116).

Another 18,978 new voters registered at the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency, 13,916 at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, and 5,496 at the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration.



BEACH CLEANUP

A member of the Friends of the Mariana Islands picks up garbage left behind by beach-goers at the Lao-Lao Beach during the association's monthly cleanup on Aug. 19, 2009. The cleanup is supported by Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Division of Environmental Quality, and Beautify CNMI.

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Fil-Am owned nursing home gets highest Medicare rating

BY MARCONI CALINDAS
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STOCKTON, California—Good Samaritan Rehabilitation & Care Center, a Filipino-American owned and operated skilled nursing facility in the U.S., bagged a major feat this year after getting a five-star rating from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Good Samaritan's overall 5-star rating was among the highest achieved by any skilled nursing facilities in California and across the U.S. Very few nursing homes are given such high marks for various quality measures and indicators.

Medicare's Nursing Home Compare provides quality ratings for each of the nation's

16,000 Medicare and Medicaid/MediCal-certified nursing homes. Each facility is rated from a low of one star to a high of five stars based on three areas: health inspection results, quality measures and staffing levels.

Good Samaritan received five star ratings for health inspection results, quality measures, and staffing levels.

According to Medicare, the Five-Star Quality Rating System was created to help consumers, their families, and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily and help identify areas about which they may want to ask questions.

The grade given to the Fil-Am owned nursing facility was based on its continued efforts to comply with the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1987, a

nursing home reform law, and the more recent quality improvement campaigns such as the Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes, a coalition of consumers, health care providers, and nursing home professionals.

"Nursing homes vary in the quality of care and services they provide to their residents. Reviewing health inspection results, staffing data, and quality measure data are three important ways to measure nursing home quality. This information gives you a "snap shot" of the care individual nursing homes give," it said.

Sedy Demesa, owner of Good Samaritan Rehabilitation & Care Center, said their facility takes Medicare's five-star rating system seriously, adding that ef-

orts are underway to maintain and further improve the quality of services and programs they provide to residents.

Demesa also owns and operates Emmanuel College in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the first and only higher-learning institution in the American Pacific that offers an abridged 11-month vocational nursing program that is patterned after a proven curriculum in California.

Emmanuel College-CNMI has a 100 percent NCLEX passing rate, and recently held a graduation for its second group of vocational nurses. A third group of students started their clinical studies at the government-run Commonwealth Health Center, while the fourth class is slated to start in coming weeks.

Q: LABOR FRONT

Labor investigator's inspection of alien workers' worksites

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Q: When does Labor inspect alien workers' worksites?

A: The Department of Labor establishes every year an administrative schedule of worksite inspections. According to Labor's requirements for employers of foreign workers, normally worksites are inspected once per calendar year and not more than four times in any calendar year, expect that follow up inspections of worksites where violations have been found may be conducted with more frequency.

Q: Can a Labor investigator inspect the foreign workers' worksites at any given time?

A: The Labor requirements state that inspections should be conducted during normal hours or, if an administrative warrant is obtained, at any other reasonable time under the circumstances.

The investigator should present himself or herself to the authorized representative at the worksite and should provide identification as a Labor investigator. The investigator must inform the authorized representative at the worksite that the worksite has been chosen for inspection. The investigator should furnish to the representative a copy of the current statutes and regulations authorizing such inspections.

Q: What if the authorized representative refuses an inspection at the worksite?

A: Labor requirements state that if the authorized representative refuses entry, or does not consent to allow inspection of the worksite, the investigator may not proceed with the inspection unless an administrative warrant is obtained.

In all cases where the authorized representative refused to permit entry, does not consent to allow inspection of the worksite, or unreasonably obstructs the investigator in carrying out the inspection, the investigator should serve notice upon the representative.

The notice will notify the representative of an administrative hearing at which the employer shall be required to show cause why the employer should not be disqualified by Labor from employing foreign national workers or enjoined from future refusals with respect to inspection.

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Mar-Noynoy team pushed for 2010 election

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MANILA, Philippines—The configuration of the 2010 presidential election continued to take shape, with another possible team emerging and two popular evangelists flexing muscle.

On Thursday, former Senate President Jovito Salonga suggested the tandem of Senators Manuel "Mar" Roxas II and Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III for the 2010 race.

"In my opinion, it would be good for Mar as president and Noynoy as his teammate or vice president," Salonga said at the reunion of survivors of the Plaza



Roxas



Aquino

za Miranda bombing on Aug. 21, 1971.

Both Roxas and Aquino III are members of the Liberal Party, of which Salonga is the chair emeritus.

On Friday, the 26th anni-

versary of the assassination of former Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., Jesus Is Lord leader Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" Villanueva is expected to declare his second stab at the presidency.

On his end, El Shaddai lead-

er Mariano "Brother Mike" Velarde Thursday said he had started a survey among the charismatic group's members to guide him in deciding whether to pursue his "real dream" to be president.

He said he had not yet made up his mind to go for it, and admitted that many El Shaddai members did not want him to plunge into the fray.

Roxas is the son of the late Sen. Gerry Roxas, who was among those wounded in the Plaza Miranda bombing.

Aquino III is the only son of Ninoy Aquino and former President Corazon Aquino, who died on Aug. 1.

Roxas has long announced his intention to run for presi-

dent. Aquino III, who has another term to go as senator, is being urged to seek a higher post.

LP member Eddie Ilarde, a former senator, agreed with Salonga that Roxas and Aquino III should team up, especially because they were members of the same political party.

"Noynoy and Mar should work together because they are both fruits of good trees ... They should join forces for the sake of the country and for the sake

of progress," Ilarde said.

Salonga said that if Aquino III decides to seek a higher post, he should have the necessary determination and specific plan.

"Many people have said that it would be good for Noynoy to run for a higher position. But I don't know whether he is determined to run for the presidency of the land," Salonga said.

He said he preferred that Roxas run for president.

3 more rebels who seized Philippine islet killed

By TERESA CEROJANO
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MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine troops killed three Muslim guerrillas who tried to flee by boat from a remote islet seized by gunmen in a province known for its beach resorts, raising the rebel death toll in a government assault to 10, officials said Thursday.

Five other gunmen were captured and a marine was wounded when troops stormed the nine-square mile (25-square kilometer) Mantangule islet at the southern tip of Palawan Island on Wednesday, officials said.

The assault came four days after the gunmen seized a mosque

and school and sent 2,000 residents fleeing to safety. Troops and police were trying to serve an arrest warrant for Abdurajak, a commander of a Muslim separatist group that signed a peace deal with the government in 1996, when he and about 30 armed followers took over the village of Marabon on the islet.

Abdurajak and his son were among the guerrillas killed in clashes Wednesday, said Nur Misuari, leader of the Moro National Liberation Front.

Misuari called the government assault "a massacre" and denied military allegations that the rebels were extorting money and kidnapping villagers.

He said the guerrillas would not retaliate but would consider taking legal action against the military officers.

After retrieving the bodies of seven gunmen Wednesday, troops later killed three more rebels who tried to escape aboard a motorboat, navy spokesman Lt. Col. Edgard Arevalo said.

Palawan province, famous for white-sand beaches and pristine forests, caves and waterfalls, has been largely isolated from a decades-long Muslim rebellion that has ravaged the main southern region of Mindanao and nearby Basilan and Jolo islands.

Most of the diving and beach resorts are located in northern Palawan, while much of the

south is infested with malaria-carrying mosquitoes and is not easily accessible. The area is frequented by smugglers and there are occasional clashes with pirates.

Tourism Secretary Ace Durano said Wednesday's clash on Mantangule would not have an effect on tourism in the province.

The islet, part of the Balabac municipality in a strait that separates the Philippines from Malaysia, is an isolated area hundreds of miles (kilometers) from Palawan's famed northern resorts.

Pia Catral of Asia Travels, a booking agency for a dozen Palawan resorts, reported that no reservations had been canceled since the assault.

Arroyo orders monument to Cory Aquino built

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MANILA, Philippines—Enshrined in the hearts of Filipinos, Corazon Aquino will also soon be immortalized in concrete and steel.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered the immediate construction of a monument in honor of the late President's contributions to Philippine democracy, Malacañang said Thursday.

The statue of Aquino will be erected at Rizal Park in Manila where the monument to national hero Jose Rizal also stands.

"With this monument, our nation will honor for posterity the memory of an extraordinary woman who united our people for one shining week in February 1986 and presided over the rebirth of democracy," deputy presidential spokesperson Anthony Golez said, reading from a statement.

"We have long honored Tita Cory in our hearts, and now we will celebrate in deathless lineaments of concrete and steel the life and passage of a national heroine for the constant reminder of future generations."

Golez said the construction would be completed in six months and would be facilitated by the National Historical Institute (NHI).

He made the announcement on the eve of the death anniversary of Aquino's husband, former Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., who was assassinated at the Manila airport on Aug. 21, 1983, upon his return from voluntary US exile.

Ironies of history

"I am pleased to announce that the President has ordered the immediate construction of a monument to the late President Corazon Aquino at Rizal Park," Golez said.

Ms Arroyo's decision to erect a monument to Aquino may be one of the ironies of Philippine history.

Aquino was among those who called

for Ms Arroyo to resign at the height of the "Hello Garci" scandal in 2005. The scandal was sparked by allegations that Ms Arroyo and then Elections Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano conspired to rig the results of the 2004 presidential election, a charge Ms Arroyo denied.

In her last years, Aquino was a vocal critic of Ms Arroyo who, like her, assumed office through a military-backed people's revolt.

Aquino was, in fact, among those who helped pave the way for Ms Arroyo's assumption of the presidency in 2001.

Up to NHI

Golez said the NHI would determine the details of the project, including where the monument specifically would rise. There was also no word on who would build it.

Golez did not say why the Palace had chosen Rizal Park as the location, and not Makati, where a statue of Aquino's late husband stood at the intersection of Paseo de Roxas and Ayala Avenue.

Golez could not say, either, if the Luneta venue indicated by putting Aquino's monument in the park where Rizal's monument stood, Malacañang also regarded the late President as a national hero.

Aquino, 76, passed away on Aug. 1 after a long battle with colon cancer.

Shortly after Aquino died, some lawmakers in the House of Representatives proposed she be declared a national hero, an idea Malacañang said it was open to.



A Filipino supporter takes a picture in front of a portrait of the late former Philippine President Corazon Aquino at the statue of her husband the late Senator Ninoy Aquino at the financial district of Makati, south of Manila, Philippines, on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009.

Philippines seizes Turkish ship in gun smuggling

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—

Philippine authorities seized a Turkish ship at a port west of Manila on Thursday, foiling what officials said was an attempt to smuggle crates of automatic rifles and assorted military accessories hidden in five wooden crates.

Another 10 empty wooden crates were found aboard the ship, prompting a search that was still ongoing late Thursday. Dela Cruz said there were suspicions the crewmen could have thrown some of their illegal cargo off the ship.

The seizure comes amid a police campaign to rid the country of unregistered firearms blamed for fueling crime, terrorism and insurrections.

The program is expected to recover only 3 percent of an estimated 1.1 million loose firearms—a realistic target in a country with "cultural propensity" for gun possession, national police chief Jesus Versoza said Tuesday.

The ship, M/V Captain Ufuk, arrived at a port in western Bataan province's Mariveles township from Turkey via Indonesia, dela Cruz said. The ship was en route to the port of Batangas City, just

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Arroyo poll campaigner is new OWWA trustee

MANILA, Philippines—Overseas Filipino workers and their advocates are opposing the recent appointment of a former campaigner of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as the land-based OFW representative to the board of trustees of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration.

Daphne Ceniza Kwok, Hong Kong-based advocate of migrant workers rights, expressed alarm over the appointment of Joselito Sapiro, who headed Arroyo's campaign during the Presidential elections in 2004 as founder of the GMA Ikaw Pa Rin Movement and later the administration's Team Unity in 2007.

"I am concerned that the arbitrariness to which this appointment has been made will again deprive migrant workers of proper representation to

the OWWA board of trustees as it has been in the past years. We believe that appointing somebody who is not qualified to be an advocate for the rights and welfare of the migrant worker removes a safeguard that ensures the protection of their rights," she said.

Kwok said a true OFW representative must be appointed to the OWWA board, one "who is not only a migrant worker but somebody who can truly push for the promotion of the rights and welfare of migrant workers."

Dolores Balladares, chairperson of the United Filipinos in Hong Kong (Unifil-Migrante-HK), echoed Kwok's concern, pointing out the danger that with Sapiro on its board, OWWA funds may be used inappropriately, as in the upcoming elections.

"With Sapiro in the OWWA, there cannot be any form of opposition to whatever policies GMA wants to be implemented or where the OWWA fund should go," Balladares said.

"We have not forgotten how the OWWA Medicare Fund was transferred to the PhilHealth that was headed then by current Health Secretary Francisco Duque. Will our money again be used to prop up GMA's campaign to remain in power?" she asked.

She said the appointment process to the OWWA board must be transparent.

Balladares also called for the scrapping of the OWWA Omnibus Policies as well as the formulation of a genuine OWWA charter that ensures its services to Filipino migrant workers. (*INQUIRER.net*)

NINOY'S CELL

Filipino media take footage of the former prison cell of late senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino inside a tightly guarded compound at the Army headquarters in suburban Taguig, south of Manila, Philippines, Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009. Aquino was jailed for more than 7 years as he opposed late strongman Ferdinand Marcos. His death triggered massive protests that culminated three years later in the downfall of Marcos in a "People Power" revolt, which installed his wife, Corazon Aquino, as the country's new leader.



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TAKE CHARGE

Can feng shui help improve my business?

Editor's Note: This is part of Take Charge of Your Money, a partnership between INQUIRER.net and Citibank to help readers handle their personal finances well.

Q: My sisters and are set to open a small boutique this month. We found this small space in a mall with good traffic. Although we are not Chinese, my sisters have been suggesting that we consult a feng shui expert to assure the success of our business. Can feng shui really help? Consultancy fees are also expensive so I am wondering if it will be a good investment. — Joan

A: Feng shui is an ancient Chinese practice that aims to balance the energies in space for health and good fortune. The Taoists believe that various "chi" or energy roam spaces. Good "chi" results in good fortune, while bad "chi" results in hardship. "Feng" means wind, while "shui" means water.

To allow good "chi" to roam, feng shui experts follow certain rules in aesthetics. These include guidelines on where to put windows and doors, adding a water element, mirror, chimes or even a horse painting, and the like. There are general rules, but people believe that having a feng shui expert specifically coordinate your space will be so much better.

The Chinese believe that practicing feng shui can help improve "chi" in the home

or office, and may even bring better business success. Their testimonials have led to more people trying out feng shui, but it is ultimately a matter of preference. Just as there are individuals and companies who enjoyed better fortune as a result of following feng shui principles, there are those that have become worldwide successes without it.

One item to consider is the consultation fees that may be charged by a feng shui expert. Practicing feng shui also calls for major changes in the way you live and do business.

The success of a business hinges on several factors: having the right product, tapping the right target market, offering the right price, and distributing the product efficiently, among other things. If these are not handled well, no amount of feng shui can turn a business around. In short, feng shui alone cannot guarantee business success; you have to do your part as owner and manager.

Have you and your sisters studied your business plan well? There are many aspects to look into, from funding and setting up a system, to finding the right location and more. We hope you have adequately performed a market study and market testing, as these can help you make the right strategies to help your business succeed.

Businesses are more likely to be successful when owners are hands-on in running the day-to-day operations of the

business. Make sure that your roles in the business are clearly defined for clear accountability.

Find a business mentor, someone who has been successfully running his or her own business. Learn from other people's successes and failures. Read up on management strategies and network with a group of responsible and credible businessmen and businesswomen you can learn from.

As in feng shui, make sure that everything is in order. Set up your books properly from the very start with the help of a good accountant. Have a place for everything. Make your store look clean and uncluttered. Ensure that your store is inviting and not intimidating.

And since you are going to sell to direct customers, train your people to service customers well.

We wish you the best.

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PHILIPPINE BRIEFS

Pangasinan school supervisor shot dead

DAGUPAN CITY—A school district supervisor was shot dead in Bayambang, Pangasinan on Thursday afternoon, a police official said Friday. Superintendent Tom Cabigas, Bayambang police chief, said Dr. Rogelio Cayabyab, 60, was on his way home to Barangay (village) Magsaysay in Bayambang at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday when two men aboard a motorcycle approached his car and one of them shot him. Cayabyab, supervisor of the Department of Education in the first district of Bayambang, had just pulled over near the junction of the Bayambang-Basista road to drop off a fellow teacher when the shooting took place. Cabigas said eight empty shells from a .45 caliber pistol were found in the crime scene. Cayabyab had bullet wounds in the head, neck and shoulders. The assailants fled to the direction of neighboring Malasiqui town. (*Inquirer Northern Luzon*)

Wreath-laying rites held at Aquino tomb

MANILA, Philippines—Members of the Liberal Party led the wreath-laying rites at the Manila Memorial Park in Parañaque City to mark the 26th death anniversary of former Senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Friday. A wreath of assorted white flowers mixed with yellow blooms was placed next to the joint tombs of Aquino and his wife, former president Corazon "Corazon" Aquino, who was laid to rest beside him last August 5. Former Senator Franklin Drilon, Senators Manuel "Mar" Roxas and Rodolfo Biazon, Representative Ruffy Biazon, and former education secretary Butch Abad attended the 8:30 a.m. event with around 100 Aquino supporters. "We hope the youth will not forget that Ninoy gave his life for our democracy," Drilon said after the wreath-laying. "You would not be able to speak what you want to say today, without Ninoy," he added. (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

Solon seeks probe of Palace protest dispersal

MANILA, Philippines—The 200 or so ralliers who barged onto Malacanang Palace's grounds the other day were right to demand accountability from the President over the reportedly lavish dinners she had during her recent visit to the United States, according to a party list lawmaker. Kabataan Rep. Raymond Palatino also said the members of the police and Presidential Security Group who used violence in subduing and arresting the activists should be punished for violating the latter's rights. Palatino said that once the House of Representatives offices open on Monday, he would file a resolution seeking an inquiry into the violent dispersal, after which 20 ralliers were arrested. He said the violence was "downright unjust" considering that the President had failed to properly explain why she and her entourage had to partake of meals costing \$15,000 and \$20,000 while millions of Filipinos endure grumbling stomachs everyday. (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

Gov charged with plunder, cries politics

MANILA, Philippines—A political rival charged Eastern Samar Gov. Ben Evardone with plunder Thursday at the Ombudsman for alleged irregularities in the use of a P173-million loan from the Development Bank of the Philippines. In a seven-page complaint, Eastern Samar Rep. Teodulo Coquilla, a close rival of Evardone, and his consultant, Manuel Chicano, charged Evardone with plunder, graft, malversation of public funds, and grave misconduct and dishonesty after the 2006 DBP loan was allegedly used to buy, among other things, overpriced hand tractors. Evardone, however, told the Inquirer the filing of the charges was politically motivated, saying Coquilla resorted to mudslinging because he was "running scared" after most mayors in the province endorsed Evardone as a candidate for congressman. (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

Palace confirms Manzano's resignation

MANILA, Philippines—Malacañang confirmed on Thursday that actor Edu Manzano has resigned as chair of the Optical Media Board. "Yes, he has submitted his resignation. The Palace is now deliberating on his replacement," deputy presidential spokesman Anthony Golez said at a news briefing. Manzano's term expired in March 2007, and he has been serving in a hold-over capacity since then, Golez said. "He must attend to personal tasks. That includes, among others, his campaign against child pornography, and he's also considering avenues of public service," Golez said when asked about reasons for Manzano's resignation. After signing the Optical Media Act in February 2004, President Macapagal-Arroyo appointed Manzano as chair of the OMB. Manzano headed OMB's predecessor, the Video Regulatory Board. The board was created to regulate the production of all optical discs.

Galman kin thankful for Cory's sympathy

CABANATUAN CITY—Like the Aquinos, the Galman family in Nueva Ecija will observe on Friday the 26th death anniversary of a loved one. But relatives of Rolando Galman, who was identified by the Marcos regime as the assassin of former Senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. and who was gunned down by soldiers in 1983, are thankful that Aquino's widow, the late former President Corazon Aquino, did not believe that Galman killed her husband. Nenita Galman, Rolando's younger sister who lives in Zaragoza town, said then President Aquino once told her mother, Saturnina, that she believed that Galman was a "fall guy." She said her mother also approached the former President to ask for permission to bury Galman at the Manila Memorial Park in Parañaque City, near where Ninoy was buried. The request was granted and Galman was buried there on Nov. 10, 1983.

Maharlika – PinoyStyle

Rufa Mae has finally found Mr. Right

By DOLLY ANNE CARVAJAL

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

MANILA, Philippines—Rufa Mae Quinto feels and thinks that she has finally found Mr. Right. Her half-Pinoy/half-Spanish businessman boyfriend is in his 30s.

"I wanna spend the rest of my life with him," says P-chi. "He gave me a lifetime commitment. He has made me more domesticated. Binawasan ko na ang go, go, go life ko."

He gave P-chi a two-bedroom townhouse in the US where he is partly based. After all the twists and turns that Cupid has put her through, what lessons has she learned? "To love even the flaws of my man. I now know my role as a woman. And I will mark my territory in a relationship."

P-chi would rather keep the identity of her newfound love a secret for now. "Minsan lang dumating ang lalaking tulad niya na kaya akong panindigan, so I'm doing everything to protect our relationship. Time will come when I will present him ng bonggang bongga to the public."

Pchi's overworked heart is now on private mode. It has had enough of public scrutiny.

Latest twist

After the "scoop" photo of Cristine Reyes and her date Gio came out in my column last week, some quarters insisted that Gio has a striking resemblance to Cristine's ex Dennis Trillo. They concluded that she's not yet over Dennis yet.

The latest twist is that Cristine and Gio had a petty fight; they haven't kissed and made up; and now, cager Wesley Gonzales has asked Cristine out. Before she welcomes another guy in her life, Cristine ought to know that feelings are nontransferable.

Why not?

Beleaguered Willie Revillame has been very vocal about his willingness to resign from "Wowowee" to put an end to all the controversies hounding him. Gabby Concepcion was one of Willie's pinch-hitters in the show.

I teased Gabs if he would be willing to replace Willie. "That's impossible," Gabs said. "But I would be more than glad to host a game show someday. As a host, you play a big role in making the contestants' lives a little better. Sarap pala mag-game show."

But he says acting will always be his true passion, and he's all set to unleash the actor in him once again in his new soap, "Dahil May Isang Ikaw."

"Maganda 'yung role ko," he says. How is he like the character? "We're both victims," he says, laughing. Gabs may have been used and abused many times but the beauty of his heart has remained intact.

Senator Revillame?

Manny Villar has reserved a slot for Willie Revillame in the Nacionalista Party's senatorial ticket. It may not be a good idea after Willie caught the ire of Tita Cory's supporters. Sometimes it's not what Willie says but how he



Rufa Mae Quinto feels and thinks that she has finally found Mr. Right.

says it. Although the Aquino clan has forgiven him, Afima (Alyansa ng Filipinong Mamamahayag) headed by Jerry Yap hasn't.

Frame per frame

Cesar Montano let me in on his directing technique: "Aral ako sa komiks. Every important aspect of every scene is highlighted, frame per frame."

Buboy is in the process of selecting cast members for a Visayan historical movie that he will direct. He is also spearheading a coral reef restoration program in Bohol. Buboy just can't



Isabel Oli

stop doing things for the love of his ka-probinsiya.

Proof of courtship

Eugene Domingo squealed on Piolo Pascual, producer of her launching movie, "Kimmydora": "Kinilig ako when Papa PJ dropped by the set with KC Concepcion. Du'n ko na-confirm na he's courting her. Kainggit!"

Delightful Dimples

Dimples Romana is such a delight to chat with. She never runs out of amusing stories about her co-stars. "When Sam Milby got a new hairstyle, I asked him to leave the dressing room for a while 'cause di ko kaya kagwapanan niya," she told us. "And in my scene with Ate Vi sa 'In My Life,' where I had to make her bunggo, takot na takot ako kasi, siyempre Vilma Santos siya. Gulat siya talaga when I did it. I couldn't

stop apologizing, though."

True to form

Lady Gaga brought the house down during her jam-packed concert at the Araneta Coliseum when she said, "Someone asked me... once.... if I had a dick. I told him, 'Yes and it's bigger than yours.'" She truly lives up to her name's Tagalog meaning.

Rock solid

Aga Muhlach's first born Igi Boy is very much in love with his girlfriend Patricia Petil. "We've been together since April. We're both crazy and we always enjoy life to the fullest," says Igi. "Kaya parang lagi kaming hindi seryoso [That's why we look like we're not serious] (laughs). At napapatino niya ako [And she makes me good]."

Does he see himself spending the rest of his life with her? "If we're meant to be, then it will last." His parents approve of the match.

Seeing Igi reminds me of my mom's interview with his mom Janice de Belen in "See-True" when she was pregnant with him. Janice's one-liner, "God was with us when we did it" has become a show biz quotable quote.

Igi, now 22, admits he's closer to his mom because he grew up with her, but says the bond he shares with his dad is rock solid. "Papa and I enjoy singing along to Will Smith's 'Just The Two Of Us' and buying stuff in Duty Free."

In what ways is he like his dad? "We are both forgetful. We like making big plans then biglang di natutuloy kasi nakalimutan na [it won't push through because we forgot] (laughs)."

From Paolo to Piolo

Isabel Oli is over Paolo Contis. "It was a hard, painful process," she says, "but naubos din ang luha ko [I ran out of tears]."

It's quite strange that the ex-lovers haven't bumped into each other since their breakup. "Di pa siguro [Maybe it isn't the] right time," she says. "Buti pa si Pao may nahanap na. Ako searching pa [Good for Pao, he has found someone. As for me, I'm still searching]."

Their plan to get hitched in 9/9/09 will no longer materialize. But Isabel would rather not dwell on that. Her harmless crush on Piolo Pascual is the best antidote to her heartaches.

"When Paolo and I just broke up, PJ saw me in Christian Sunday worship service. He gave me a hug and consoled me," she recalls. "I was so down pa that time but after I saw PJ, biglang nakalimutan ko na [all of a sudden I forgot that] I was heart-broken pala (laughs)!"

No monopoly

Rachel Alejandro sent me this text: "In the trailer of 'Survivor Philippines,' one of the contestants calls herself the Sexy Chef. I just want to clarify that she is not connected to my food business with my sis Barni who's actually the real Sexy Chef. I don't think that there's anything we can do legally to stop her from using the same name. I just hope the public doesn't get mixed up."

Vic says Pia isn't the jealous type



Comic Vic Sotto and girlfriend Pia Guanio.

By BAYANI SAN DIEGO JR.

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that would upset or hurt each other. I make certain that everything I do is fair to my partner."

Did Pia ever inquire about Paula during the shoot?

"She was more concerned about me ... she checked if I was tired. If I worked too hard ... if I got home at 4 a.m. because of shooting. She's not the type who asks too many questions. She's too busy for that. In any case, she'd get to watch the movie."

And Pia did watch "Love on Line" during its premiere last Sunday.

In her Twitter account, Pia wrote: "[It's] really cute. Made me fall in love."

But will Vic make a movie with Pia, her co-star in the GMA 7 sitcom "Ful Haus"?

"We have to find the right concept – one that would fit her," he said.

How would he rate Paula as comic?

"You don't have to be a comedian to be effective in comedy. You just need to know how to react. Look at me," Vic said, clearly jesting, "I'm not really a comedian. I'm a dramatic actor; I just find myself in funny situations onscreen."

Maharlika – Opinyon

EDITORIAL

Rediscovering Ninoy

The assassination of former Sen. Benigno S. Aquino Jr. 26 years ago on Aug. 21 led us, by sometimes bizarre twists and unprecedented turns, and in a mere thousand days, to the presidency of his widow, Corazon Aquino. Now, in an amazing historical coincidence, Cory's slow death and extraordinary funeral earlier this month have led the country back to rediscover Ninoy the hero.

His martyrdom, his ultimate sacrifice, was marked, not only by great personal courage, but by the audacity of love of country. He truly was a man of character. (He even predicted the manner of his death, saying it could all be over in a few seconds.) It is not for these reasons, however, that he became the motive power behind the restoration of democracy; it was the people's response to his shocking death and to his life, now purified by sacrifice. Let us be clear: The people chose, spontaneously, to claim him as their own. The people saw him as martyr, and called him hero.

The martial-law dam was already under stress because of the cracks that other patriots had inflicted, at great personal cost, on the forbidding structure. But it was Ninoy's assassination, confirmed by the massive outpouring of anger and grief during the funeral procession, that broke the dam apart. Seen from inside the freedom struggle, the fall of the Marcos regime looked improbable, a brave but probably futile banging of the head against the wall. From the vantage point of history, however, it all looks inevitable.

Over the years, especially after the deadly coup attempts had devastated the economy and infighting among the children of the EDSA revolution had lowered public morale, the image of Ninoy began to fade. The people, too, had other reasons for forgetting: economic distress, political frustration, the distractions of a pervasive entertainment culture. And then, as though following the directions in an invisible script, the people found the best possible reminder of Ninoy's continuing relevance: his widow and true heir.

When Cory died on Aug. 1, some Marian devotees thought her death on the first Saturday of the month was a sign of divine favor; she was, after all, the famously devout Catholic who died with the rosary especially made for her by Sister Lucia, one of the Fatima visionaries, in her hand. But other Filipinos thought Cory's death in August, the same month Ninoy died, was a sign of national favor; that is, that her date of death was a gift to the nation.

We can certainly see what they mean. Yesterday's rites commemorating Ninoy's heroism have acquired a deeper resonance, and attracted greater participation, precisely because Cory's death reminded us of the true source of our liberty. Yesterday's anniversary has developed a new meaning, and inspired a new hope, precisely because Cory's massive funeral reminded us of Ninoy's, the much larger one that came before it and of which it is properly, historically, a part. Today's act of remembering has assumed a personal dimension, and mobilized more defenders of democracy back into the streets, precisely because Cory's sense of duty, which guided her leadership as it limited the scope of her life, reminded us of Ninoy's own sense of destiny and identity: "The Filipino is worth dying for." Ninoy: He told the truth.

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May araw din kayo

Tatagalugin ko na nang makuhang n'yo. Kabit na lingwaheng kanto lang ang alam kong Tagalog. Tatal Buwan ng Wika naman ang Agosto. Baka sakali 'yung paboritong wika ni Balagtas ay makatulong sa pag-unawa n'yo dahil mukhang 'yung paboritong wika ni Shakespeare ay lampas sa IQ n'yo. Kung sa bagay, ang pinakamahirap gisingin ay 'yung nagtutulug-tulugan. Ang pinakamahirap paddinggin ay 'yung nagbibingi-bingihan. Ang pinakamahirap paintindihin ay 'yung nagmamaang-maangan. Bueno, mahirap din paintindihin 'yung likas na tanga. Pero bahala na.

Sabi mo, Cerge Remonde, alangan naman pakain ng hotdog ang amo mo. Bakit alangan? Hindi naman vegetarian 'yon. At public service nga 'yon, makakatulong dagdagan ng cholesterol at salitre ang dugong dumadaloy papuntang puso n'ya. Kung meron man s'yang dugo, kung meron man s'yang puso.

Bakit alangan? Malamang di ka nagbabasa ng balita, o di lang talaga nagbabasa, kung hindi ay nalaman mo 'yung ginawa ni Barack Obama at Joe Biden nitong nakaraang Mayo. Galing silang White House patungong Virginia nang magtakam sila pareho ng hamburger. Pina detour nila ang motorcade at tumuloy sa unang hamburgerang nakita nila. Ito ang Ray's Hell Burger, isang malit at independenteng hamburger joint.

Tumungo ang dalawa sa counter at sila mismo ang nag-order, hindi mga aides. Nagbayad sila ng cash na galing sa sariling bulsa at kagaya ng ibang customers ay pumila para sa turno nila.

Ito ay presidente at bise presidente ng pinakamakapangyarihang bansa sa buong mundo. Kung sa bagay, 'yung amo n'yo ay hindi naman talaga presidente. Di lang makita ang pagkakaiba ni Garcia kay God kaya nasabing "God put me here." Pekeng presidente, pekeng asal presidente.

Sabi mo, Anthony Golez, malit lang ang P1 million dinner kumpara sa bilyon-bilyong pisong dinala ng amo mo sa bansa.

Ay kayo lang naman ang nagsasabing may inambag ang amo n'yo na bilyong-bilyong piso sa kababayan. Ni amino noon wala kami ng naka. Ang nakita lang namin ay yung bilyon-bilyong

piso—o borjer, ayon nga sa inyong dating kakosa na si Benjamin Abalos—na inaswang ng amo n'yo sa kababayan. Executive privilege daw ang hindi n'ya sagutin ito. Kailan pa naging pribilehiyo ng isang opisyal ang di managot sa taumbayan? Kailan pa naging pribilehiyo ng isang opisyal ang magnakaw?

Maliit lang pala ang P1 million, ay bakit hindi n'yo na lang ibigay sa nagugutom? O doon sa mga sundalo sa Mindanao? Tama si Archbishop Oscar Cruz. Isipin n'yo kung gaano karaming botas man lang ang mabibili ng P1 million at karagdagang P750,000 na nilamon ng amo n'yo at mga taga bitbit ng kanang maleta sa isa pang restawran sa New York.

Maliit lang pala ang P1 million (at P750,000), bakit hindi n'yo na lang ibigay doon sa pamilya ng mga sundalong namatay sa Mindanao? Magkano 'yung gusto n'yang ibigay sa bawat isa? P20,000? Sa halagang iyan 50 sundalo na ang maaabuluyan n'yo sa \$20,000. Pasalu-saludo pa 'yang amo n'yo sa mga namatay na kala mo ay talagang may malasakit. Bumenta na 'yang dramang 'yan. At pasabisabi pa ng "Annihilate the Abus!" Di ba noon pa n'ya 'yan pinangako? Mahilig lang talagang mangako 'yang amo n'yo.

Bukod pa d'yan, saan ba nanggaling 'yung lim-pak-limpak na salapi ng mga kongresista na pinansisindi nila ng tabako? Di ba amin din? Tanong n'yo muna kung ayos lang na i-blowout namin ng wine at caviar ang amo n'yo habang kami ay nadidildil ng asin—'yung magaspang na klase ha, 'di yung iodized. Ang tindi n'yo, mga p're.

At ikaw naman, Romulo Macalintal, tapang ng apog mo. Maiisip mo tuloy na sundin na lang ang mungkahi ni Dick the Butcher sa "Henry VI" ni Shakespeare: "First thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." Pa ethics-ethics ka pa, pasalamat ka di nasunog ang bibig mo sa pagbigkas ng katagang 'yon.

Marami mang sugapa rin sa aming mga taga medya, di naman kasing sugapa n'yo. At di naman kami



There's The Rub

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sineswelduhan ng taumbayan. Wala naman kaming problemang sumakay sa PAL at kailangan pang bumili ng P1.2 billion jet. Anong sabi n'yo, kailangan ng amo n'yo sa pabyahe-byahe? E sino naman ang may sabing magbabayahe's'ya? Ngayon pang paalis na s'ya—malinaw na ayaw n'yang umalis. Bakit hindi na lang s'ya bumili ng Matchbox na eroplano? Kasya naman s'ya ro'n.

Lalo kayong nagpupumiglas, lalo lang kayong lumulubog sa kumunoy. Di n'yo malulusutan ang buliyasong ginawa n'yo. Para n'yo na ring inagaw ang isinusubong kanin ng isang batang nagugutom. Tama si Obama at Biden: Sa panahon ng recession, kung saan nakalugmok ang mga Amerikano sa hirap, dapat makiray ang mga pinuno sa taumbayan, di nagpapakapariwara. Sa panahon ng kagutuman, na matagal nang kalagayan ng Pinoy, at lalo pang tumindii sa paghagupit ng Typhoon Gloria, dapat siguro uminom na lang kayo ng insecticide. Gawin n'yo 'yan at mapapawi kaagad ang kagutuman ng bayan.

Sa bandang huli, buti na rin lang at ginawa n'yo 'yung magpasasa sa P1 million dinner habang lupaypay ang bayan sa kagutuman—di lang sa kawalan ng pagkain kundi sa iba pang bagay—at pagdadalamhati sa yumaong Ina ng Bayan. Binigan n'yo ng mukha ang katakawan. Katakawang walang kabusagan. Mukhang di nakita ng masa sa usaping NBN, mukhang di nakikita ng masa sa usaping SAL. Mukhang nakita lang ng masa dito sa ginawa n'yang ito. Sa pagpapabondat sa New York habang naghihinagpis ang bayan.

At buti na rin lang mayroon tayong sariling wika. Di sapat ang Ingles para iparamdam sa inyo ang suklam na nararamdam namin sa inyo. Di sapat ang Ingles para ipakita sa inyo ang pagkamuhi na nararamdam namin sa inyo. Di maarok ng Ingles ang lalim ng poot na nararamdam namin sa inyo. Isinusuka na kayo ng taumbayan, mahirap man sumuka ang gutom.

May araw din kayo.

Through a time machine

My undergraduate students sometimes describe history class as a time machine that enables those in the present to revisit the past. As they cram to complete their term papers and presentations, they realize that it takes a lot of research and imagination to do time travel. Since books tend to bore students who consider the printed word Jurassic in the face of the Internet, I require them to visit places where the visual aids are larger than life. My general history class forces them to learn about the pre-Spanish period from: the National Museum, Ayala Museum, and Museo ng Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. Then the Spanish period comes alive through the walls of Intramuros and the cluster of museums within, all literally within spitting distance of each other: San Agustin Church and Museum (a listed Unesco World Heritage Site), Casa Manila (which recreates life in an upper class 19th century home) Kaisa Heritage Museum (which focuses on the Chinese in Philippine life), and last but not least the Rizal Shrine in Fort Santiago where he spent his last hours. Often overlooked by visitors who are preoccupied with the National Hero's overcoat is a reliquary that contains a piece of Rizal's vertebra. Instead of commenting on how small Rizal was at five feet two inches, they should focus on this macabre relic kept and cherished by the Rizal family because this part of his backbone is chipped on one side where it is believed the bullet that snuffed out his life passed.

Rizal is the most documented hero of his time. We have photographs of him from his teens to the time he was shot. We have 25 printed volumes of his writings, more than enough for a doctoral dissertation or a simple term paper.

The real challenge facing students taking the general Philippine history course are the periods where our textbooks are silent: the 17th and 18th centuries, for example, or the period before Magellan (1521) when traders from China, Vietnam, and Thailand

brought porcelain vessels to our shores and exchanged these for fresh supplies, pearls, birds' nest, gold, and other exotic fruits of sea and forest. This fascinating period, from the 9th to the 16th centuries has been dubbed by the pioneering anthropologist H. Otley Beyer as the Philippines in the Porcelain Age. For this we have a lot of material lying in wait in the stockrooms of the National Museum in Manila. What is needed now is a patient soul who will analyze these silent artifacts to extract a story or stories from them.

When you ask people what comes to mind when you mention the word "pre-historic," they instantly conjure images of dinosaurs and cavemen. While correct, this is a long way back in history. What about the Philippines shortly before the 9th century? Our earliest dated piece of writing happens to be ancient Javanese script on a copper plate allegedly discovered in Laguna.

How did our ancestors write? They used the baybayin, which is better known by the wrong term "ali-bata." Not much has survived, not because the Spanish friars destroyed them, but because these were written on leaves and tree barks and did not keep well.

How were we able to translate the pre-Spanish alphabet? We did this through a book published in Manila in 1593 called "Doctrina Cristiana," one of two of the earliest books published in the Philippines. "Doctrina Cristiana" has text in Spanish that was translated into Tagalog and written in both the Western alphabet and the baybayin. The Rosetta stone of our language is this late 16th century book on rice paper, the only copy in the universe conserved in the US Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The book is available in reprints by the



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National Historical Institute and can be downloaded online from Project Gutenberg. You can even leaf through a digital copy from the Library of Congress as if you were handling the real thing.

Browsing through the Tagalog of the "Doctrina" of 1593 takes some practice because they wrote and spelled a bit differently from today. It is best to read the text aloud and, while doing this, you realize that if you were transported to the 16th century you would be able to communicate in 21st century Filipino. I have copied out the "Lord's Prayer" and "Hail Mary" from the Doctrina so that by reading them aloud you can see and hear how far our language has progressed. It's a fitting way to celebrate and remember that Aug. 19 is the birthday of Manuel L. Quezon, the father of the National Language, which also explains why Buwan ng Wika is set each year in August.

"Ama Namin": *Ama namin nasa langitca ypasamba mo ang ngala[n] mo, moisaamin angpagcakahari mo. Yspasonor mo ang loob mo dito salupa para sa langit, bigya[n] mo cami ngaion nangamincacanin para nang sa araoarao atpacaualin mo angamining casalana[n] ya iang uinaualan bahala nami saloob ang casalanan nang nacacasala sa amin. Hoag mo caming aeuan nang dicami matalo ng tocsa. Datapouat yadia mo cami sadilan masama. Amen. Jesus.*

"Abaguino Maria": *Aba guino Maria matoua cana, napopono ca nang gracia, ang panginoon dios, ae, nasayyo. Bucor cang pinagpala sababaying lat hat. Pinagpala naman ang yyong anacs Jesus. Santa Maria yna nang dios, ypanalangin mo camimacasa lanan ngaion at cun mamatai cami. Amen. Jesus?*

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Maharlika – Samu't Sari

RP's Zamboanga City lives in constant fear

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ZAMBOANGACITY, Philippines

Restaurant owner Lyra Quitay is blind in one eye. Her arms, chest and legs bear painful black scars and her right hand is so gnarled that it resembles a claw when she signs her name.

In October 2001, a terrorist's bomb ripped through the claustrophobic downtown market where Quitay runs a tiny kitchen, instantly killing her security guard and blowing a hole in her life.

The guard had gone to investigate an abandoned duck egg cart; when he opened the lid on a pot, it exploded—ripping off his head and leaving Quitay with injuries so severe that she still wakes up crying at night.

"Every time I even hear the word 'bomb' I get nervous," said Quitay, 43. "It's the trauma of living in Zamboanga City."

On the front lines of the Philippines' campaign against terrorism, this bustling port city on the island of Mindanao has become an armed camp, a community under siege.

At the heart of the violence is a network of Islamic terrorist groups waging war against the government of the predominantly Christian Philippines archipelago, using the jungle as cover to train recruits and organize strikes.

Moving through the dense terrain like phantoms in the mist, the outmanned but highly mobile Muslim rebel armies have staged repeated disappearing acts that often baffle Philippine government forces.

Just when authorities think the insurgents are on the run, they resurface to detonate a bomb, abduct a hostage or conduct a public execution, leaving Zamboanga City's 700,000 residents continually on edge.

From 2002 to 2007, the latest period

for which statistics are available, hundreds of attacks killed 500 people and injured 2,000 in the southern islands of Mindanao, Jolo, Basilan and Tawi Tawi.

Scores of bombings have taken place in Zamboanga, this self-named "City of Flowers," about 460 miles south of Manila. Just as many have been discovered and defused.

Pedestrians here can stand on a downtown street corner and point to half a dozen bomb sites: a cinema, a mall, churches, department stores and a barbecue supply store.

Sometimes, the killings come on successive days—random killings, car and motorcycle bombs—forcing residents to avoid congregating in groups or, for the most fearful, venturing out at all.

Of Mindanao's 20 million residents, most are Roman Catholic and about 4 million are Muslim. Among the poorest and least educated residents of the Philippines, they are ripe for recruitment by rebel forces.

In a 2008 report on terrorism, the U.S. State Department says the rebel groups



this place again," he said. "We're very strict now. I look people directly in the eyes, to see if they're scared or nervous. No bomber is going to get past me."

Others aren't so sure. Zamboanga City policeman Eleazar Padua stood outside a Catholic church that was bombed last year. Inside, where walls still bear shrapnel scars, a woman blessed herself with holy water and entered the chapel.

"In this town, a bomb can go off any day," said Padua, 27, whose uniform bears a patch reading "Zamboanga City's Finest."

Sometimes he doesn't feel so fine, just scared. His mother worries each time he leaves for his 12-hour shift.

At a nearby mall, armed security men frisked shoppers next to a sign that reads "Please Deposit Your Firearms Here."

Student Ju-ed Alvarez said the guards single out Muslims. "They know I'm just a student but they treat me like I was a terrorist," he said.

Alvarez, 15, said Christian business owners discriminate against Muslims. "You cannot get work here," he said. "And the bombings don't make it any easier."

Out on the nearby Sulu Sea, Pama said he has his hands full. "The poor and ignorant," he said, "are fertile ground for recruitment by extremists and jihadists."

Philippine navy officers, often supported by U.S. special forces, try to stem the flow of arms and explosives from neighboring Indonesia and Malaysia with regular sea patrols.

On a recent day, the 100-foot Navy gunboat Nicholas Mahusay left port on patrol, escorted by two board-and-search boats and two rigid-hull inflatable boats with a dozen Philippine navy seals.

Meanwhile, Quitay struggles with her dizziness and constant pain.

"Every night I pray that there won't be another bombing, that this city can live in peace," she said.

"But I don't think God is listening."



Muslims and Roman Catholics mingle in Zamboanga City, about 460 miles from Manila, though relations remain largely strained.

were extremely difficult to monitor.

"The government's control in this area is tenuous . . . due to rugged terrain, weak rule of law, poverty and local Muslim minority resentment of central governmental policies," it concludes.

Local officials estimate that the re-

belts total 20,000, about one-tenth the number of government forces they face, but say the rebels also claim tens of thousands of sympathizers.

For years, the guerrilla movement was dominated by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, which seeks the return of the southernmost islands to Muslim control.

Recently, another Islamist faction has added to the body count. Abu Sayyaf, which translates to "father of the sword bearer," smuggles weapons and pirate fishing boats on the troubled Sulu Sea. Its members—who reportedly are linked to al-Qaida and a regional terrorist group, Jemaah Islamiyah—are allegedly harboring the militants responsible for the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 200 people.

Abu Sayyaf has also carried out kidnappings, collecting ransoms to finance attacks in the region, possibly including the recent hotel bombings in Jakarta, the Indonesian capital, that killed nine, authorities say.

"The possibility exists that these acts

are connected," said Rear Adm. Alexander Pama, commander of the Philippine naval forces in Western Mindanao. "It would be folly to assume otherwise."

The killings have turned Zamboanga City into a no-man's land. Outsiders rarely venture to these violent southern islands.

In an effort to promote calm, the city has formed an anti-terrorism task force and tourists can request armed guards for their stay.

Billboards advertising cultural events are interspersed with posters offering rewards for terrorists.

The wealthy hire their own private armies, but most residents stake their safety on skittish local police officers or the Philippine National Police forces that patrol in armored personnel carriers.

Officers patrol many city blocks on foot. Storefront businesses post private guards gripping rifles, ammunition belts slung over their shoulders.

At the Puericulture Center, where Quitay was wounded, 22-year-old security guard Ariel Elijah gazed out through sunglasses and proclaimed that the market was safe, at least on his watch.

"Those guys won't be able to bomb



BEACH CLEANUP

The active members of the Friends of the Mariana Islands pose with the bags of trash they collected during their monthly Lao-Lao Beach Cleanup held on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009. Marites Aquino Castillo, FMI president and chairwoman, said that for the last three years FMI has been cleaning up the Lao-Lao beach and they will continue to do so on a monthly basis at South Lao-Lao Beach. "Thanks to Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, INC., DEQ and Beautify CNMI! for their untiring support of our environmental cleanup efforts," she said.



TREE-PLANTING VOLUNTEERS

Members of the Friends of the Mariana Islands participate in a tree planting at Lao-Lao Bay on Aug. 16, 2009. The activity was organized by Beautify CNMI.

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Happy birthday greetings going out to Lorraine "LA" Taiscan-Arriola, who is celebrating her birthday today, Saturday, Aug. 22. Have an AWESOME day and may the good Lord continue to bless you with many more birthdays to come! Much love coming from your family and friends, and most especially from your loving husband, Ton.

Belated happy 5th birthday to Matthew Tyler Abadam! Hope you had a blast and we're going miss you! We love you, Toots! From Auntie Lana and Tharnton.

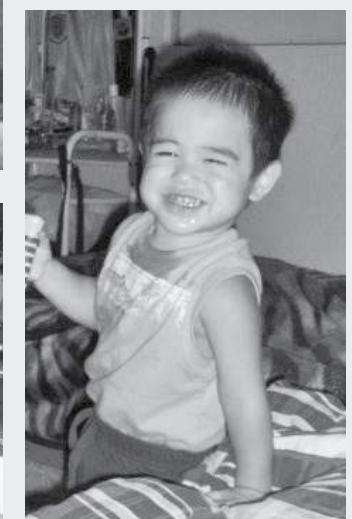
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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Advanced happy birthday to Mark Espeleta who will be celebrating his 18th birthday on Sunday, Aug. 23. May the good Lord bless you on this special day! Have a great one! Greetings coming out from all your family and friends.

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Happy 2nd birthday to Ayden Josiah Urdaneta! Have a good birthday and don't forget to say cheeeeee! We love you! From Auntie Lana and Tharnton.

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Youngstyle

Get wet and wise about dolphins



The latest dolphin show at the National Aquarium in Baltimore is called "Our Ocean Planet." In this show, Allison Ginsburg, manager of the aquarium's dolphin training, mimics the dolphin's trick.

By MARGARET WEBB PRESSLER
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At the National Aquarium in Baltimore, the excited members of the audience carefully choose their seats as they file into the auditorium for the dolphin show. It's well known that if you sit in the first few rows, you are almost guaranteed to get wet as the playful dolphins use their powerful tails to splash the audience.

But beyond that, most visitors to the show don't know much about dolphins or the ocean world they live in. And that's what the aquarium staff is trying to fix with its latest show, called "Our Ocean Planet."

"We wanted to take people under the water," said Allison Ginsburg, manager of dolphin training for the National Aquarium. "Dolphins spend so much of their life under

Frequently asked questions

Q: Dolphins are what type of animal?

A: They're mammals, not fish.

Q: How many kinds are there?

A: 32 ocean dolphins, five river dolphins.

Q: What do they eat?

A: Fish.

Q: How long do they live?

A: 45 to 50 years.

Q: What is a group of dolphins called?

A: A pod.

the surface."

The show's creators hope that interest in dolphins will cause more people to think

about the ways that oceans are being harmed by pollution, the warming climate and other global changes.

Dolphins are great ambassadors for the ocean because people love them: They are cute, curious, friendly and great performers. But how much do you really know about dolphins? Here are some cool facts that will help you appreciate these amazing animals even more:

- It is believed dolphins can see in color as we do, and their hearing is far superior to ours.

- Dolphins can reach speeds up to 25 miles per hour!

- Dolphins make five sounds to communicate with one another: whistle, squeak, click, jaw pop and splash. Scientists are trying to "decode" the dolphin language to understand what they are saying.

MEET THE DOLPHINS



The dolphins at the National Aquarium in Baltimore have distinctive personalities. From left, Spirit, 8, loves learning new things; Bayley, at 1 the youngest and smallest in the pod, likes to blow bubbles; and Nani, 37, is the leader. She is protective of her children, cooperative, calm and friendly.

The dolphins at the aquarium have distinctive personalities. Here are three of them:

■ Nani, 37, is the leader in the group. She is protective of her children, cooperative, calm and friendly with trainers.

■ Spirit is 8 years old and a little nervous. She loves learning new things and is often first to try out new toys!

■ Bayley, 1, is the youngest and smallest in the pod. She likes to blow bubbles and play with them.

Corals are animals, too

By MARGARET WEBB PRESSLER
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You have probably seen or held a piece of coral, either in or out of the ocean. You may even have heard that coral is threatened by global warming and pollution. But most people don't know much more about these vital ocean-dwelling creatures.

"People don't realize that corals are really animals—they think about corals ... as rocks or boulders or tree trunks," said Dawn Martin, who runs SeaWeb, an organization that works on protecting the oceans and ocean life. Since corals don't have the adorable faces of some endangered critters, it has been difficult for them to win the kind of protection—and awareness—that other threatened species have.

But it's important to protect coral, because a quarter of the fish species in the ocean depend on coral to live. Coral reefs provide these fish with food, shelter from predators and a place to spawn (produce young).

The main threats to coral are rising ocean temperatures, which can kill the algae that coral eat, and pollution. Other kinds of man-made damage also are harmful, such as fishing practices that break up coral on the sea floor and turning coral

into jewelry.

SeaWeb has started a campaign called "Too Precious to Wear," designed to get out the message that buying coral items at the beach contributes to the destruction of reefs. More than 3 million pounds of living coral are removed from the ocean each year for use in these decorative products, Martin said.

When coral is destroyed, it can take hundreds, even thousands, of years to grow back. The hard

CORAL Q&A

Q: What type of animal are they?

A. Invertebrate.

Q: How many kinds are there?

A. About 700.

Q: What do they eat?

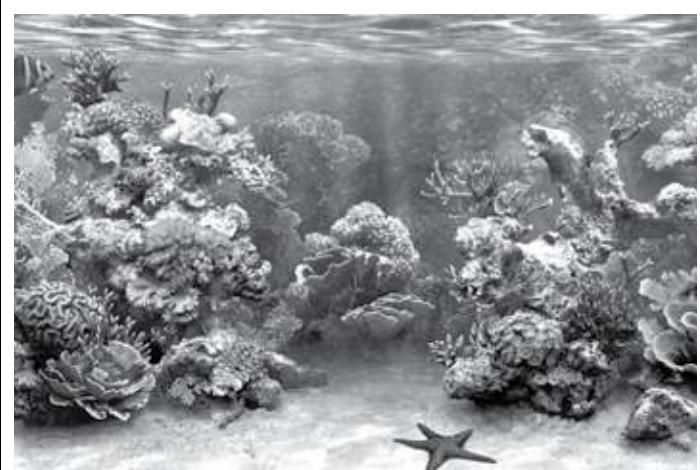
A. Algae.

Q: How long do they live?

A. A few years to hundreds of years.

Q: What is a group of coral called?

A. A colony.



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Coral reefs provide fish with food, shelter from predators and a place to spawn (produce young).

Growing coral at zoo

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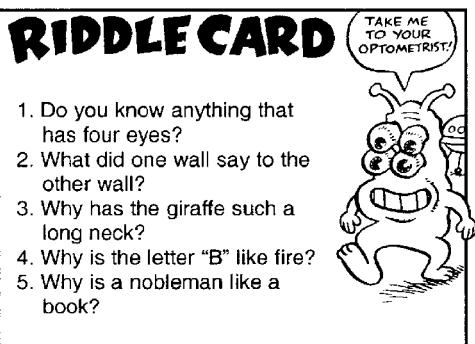
WASHINGTON—Michael Henley is trying to grow coral, hoping to replace coral that has been destroyed.

"Coral is the best animal in the world," said Henley, who works at the National Zoo.

Henley works with elkhorn coral, a hard, antlerlike coral covered with thousands of living polyps. Once a year, just after the first full moon in August, elkhorn corals release bundles of sperm and eggs into the

ocean at the same time. "You can set your watch by it," Henley said. Henley goes to Puerto Rico every year to capture thousands of larvae. Last year, one of Henley's larvae made it to the growing-polyp stage in a tank at the National Zoo before it died. ("I think I overfed it," Henley said sadly.)

As you are reading this, Henley is trying again with a new catch of larvae he got this August. If you go to the invertebrate exhibit at the zoo, ask for Mike, and he will tell you all about it.



HOW MANY PICKLED PEPPERS did Peter Piper pick when he picked a peck of pickled peppers?

Answer: None. A pepper has to first be pickled and then pickled, before it can become a "pickled pepper".

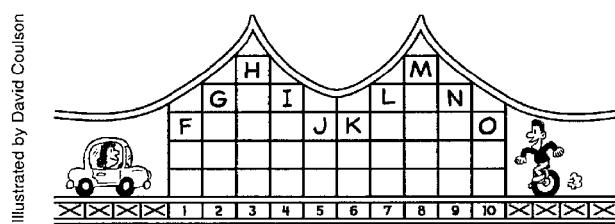
CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Diva, dive, dine, dins, dons, dots, date.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A WORD BRIDGE!



Illustrated by David Coulson

The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

1. A fashion craze.
2. Open-mouth stare.
3. Overeagerness to act.
4. A summer treat.
5. To chat or talk (slang).
6. A unit of power (abbr.).
7. Type of helpful bug.
8. Worker who uses bricks or stones.
9. Found in fountain pens.
10. A source of energy.

Answers: 1. Fed, 2. Gape, 3. Hesit., 4. Leis., 5. Jaw., 6. KWH (kilowatt-hour), 7. Lady (bug), 8. Mason.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

■ It was the inestimable Miss Piggy who made the following sage observation: "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and it may be necessary from time to time to give a stupid or misinformed beholder a black eye."

■ If you ever travel to the Far East, you might run across an aspidistra, an ornamental plant with an unusual claim to fame. Although most plants are pollinated by bees, birds and other flying creatures, the aspidistra is pollinated by the humble snail.

■ Do you suffer from hallux valgus? Don't worry, the malady is not as bad as it sounds. It just means that you have bunions.

■ When a pope dies, the cardinals convene to elect a new one, but there's no guideline requiring that a certain amount of time be spent in the process. In 1503, Pope Julius II was elected in only a few hours. In contrast, Pope Gregory X's election in 1271 occurred nearly three years after the previous pope died.

■ Before he founded the auto company Mazda, Jujiro Matsuda worked in Japan as a blacksmith.

■ What do the words "uncopyrightable" and "dermatoglyphics" have in common? Dermatoglyphics is the study of skin patterns such as fingerprints, so the meanings have nothing to do with each other. These two are the longest words in the English language that have no repeating letters.

■ You might be surprised to learn that a taste bud lives only about 10 days.

■ If you're like 80 percent of the women who responded to a 2006 survey, you never wear about one-quarter of the clothes you own.

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Thought for the Day: "Thanks to TV and for the convenience of TV, you can only be one of two kinds of human beings, either a liberal or a conservative." —Kurt Vonnegut

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MAGIC MAZE TYPED ALL FROM THE MIDDLE ROW

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Dallas
Falls
Flags

Flasks
Galahad
Glad
Glass

Halls
Sagas
Salads
Salsa

Shall
Skalds
Slash

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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MAGIC MAZE ANSWER

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Wet nose, dry nose

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I read that a dog's nose is wet when it's healthy, and dry when it's sick. Is it the same for cats?—David in Columbus, Ga.

DEAR DAVID: It's a good guideline to follow for both dogs and cats, although there's more to a nose than just wet or dry.

A healthy dog or cat's nose will be slightly moist—although sometimes a cat's nose will seem a little bit dry. Neither animal should react negatively to a light touch or rub on the nose.

If a dog or cat's nose is very wet, it may not be completely healthy. Conversely, if the nose is extremely dry, that's not a great sign either. If a pet doesn't want you to touch its nose (when it normally doesn't have a problem with you doing it), that might not be a good sign.

I say "maybe" and "might" a lot, because a pet's nose isn't the single best measure of that pet's health. Each pet is an individual with a different level of nose wetness or dryness. If, for example, you have a cat whose nose always feels a bit dry, but is otherwise healthy, then the cat is probably healthy.

So, you have to be aware of more than just a pet's nose when evaluating its health. Certainly, you can give it a daily check—you'll learn quickly



Paw's corner
by Sam Mazzotta

what's "normal" for your pet. But also be familiar with your pet's usual behaviors, when it eats and sleeps, and how it interacts with other family members. Changes in behavior often indicate illness. Be familiar with how his or her coat looks—if it becomes shaggy or chronically matted, for example, that's abnormal.

And of course, always check with the veterinarian if you're not sure.

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Send your tips, questions and comments to Paw's Corner; c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or e-mail them to pawscorner@hotmail.com.

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Keep preschoolers' spirits flying high

Jack and Hailey Anderson are such loyal Northwest/Delta frequent-flyer members, they're each on their way to racking up enough miles for free travel, which is impressive considering they are only 3 and 4 years old. These pint-size seasoned travelers have been in the air between San Jose, Calif., and Minneapolis/St. Paul at least twice a year since birth to visit doting grandparents, cousins and friends. Toss in a trip to Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif., and vacation in Houston, and they've honed their travel skills to collect more than just a few wings.

So what's the secret for keeping smiles on their faces from a long airport-security line to baggage claim five hours later? "They have jobs to do and plenty of activities to keep them busy from the moment we start packing for our trip," says their 37-year-old mom, Sara. "The long flight, summer or holiday crowds and unexpected weather delays can be a challenge if you aren't prepared."

Here are some smart new tips to keep spirits high and help the miles fly by:

■ Assist preschoolers in packing easy-to-carry suitcases or backpacks to have onboard. Include just enough healthy and easy-to-handle food to keep young tummies satisfied. For fun stuff to do, include stickers, crayons, tablets and matchbox cars. Sara suggests packing only thin storybooks to keep the bags light, since you'll want the kids to carry their belongings all the way to the plane themselves. She purchases bottled water near the gate in case the kids get thirsty before in-flight beverage service is provided.

■ As you board the plane, take the opportunity to look at the cockpit with all the buttons and dials, if it is allowed. Sara's kids love meeting the pilots and receiving trading cards depicting the plane they are flying on that day.

Donna's Day
Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson



If you have a portable DVD player, bring it along with favorite movies. As soon as a flight attendant announces that the plane is at an altitude where electronic devices are allowed, press the "on" switch, and your kids will be off in the land of Care Bears for a good chunk of the flight.

■ Sara brings her own garbage bag and enlists the kids in collecting all the trash that has accumulated around their seats during the trip. "The flight attendants love this gesture," she says, "and the kids learn at a young age that they are responsible for their own mess!"

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Donna Erickson's award-winning television series "Donna's Day" airs on public television nationwide. Visit www.donnasday.com to find out when it airs on your local PBS station and to sign up for Donna's e-newsletter.

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Life & Style

Mickey Rourke: Sport helped me pick myself up

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)—Mickey Rourke blames himself for being out of spotlight for over a decade but says his early interest in sports gave him a spirit that allowed him to pick himself up.

The 57-year-old actor confessed to an audience at the Sarajevo Film Festival on Thursday that he was out of work for almost 14 years because he did “not behave properly, like a professional, I wasn’t real responsible.” He said he blames himself for ruining the first part of his career.

The star was gone from Holly-

wood after squandering his early potential with bad-boy behavior and by turning down roles.

“I paid the price for it,” he said.

Those years were hard, he said. “It’s better to never work than to have worked and become a has been. I have been a has been for 12, 13 years. You feel terrible about yourself, you are not in control any more.”

His comeback came with “Sin City” and was followed by Darren Aronofsky’s “Wrestler.” Aronofsky fought to cast Rourke against the concerns of financial backers and forged a compromise by set-

ting on a lower budget of \$6 million. The role brought Rourke an Oscar nomination.

Rourke said he had not expected to get another chance, but then got two.

“I feel very blessed, very thankful, very fortunate,” he said.

As a teenager, Rourke took up self-defense training, switched to boxing and decided on an amateur career before turning to acting.

“I think sports gave me a mindset to keep moving, that I’m not dead,” he said. “You learn to pick yourself up and keep going ... For me the game was not over,” he added.

The “Wrestler” is his favorite movie, he said, but also was the hardest one he ever made.

“Thirty years ago these guys were a bunch of fat guys in Speedos who looked like a bunch of Germans on vacation in Miami Beach. Now they know about nutrition and they stay at the gym,” he said.

So the role of a wrestler required tough training and six meals a day to gain the required extra 32 pounds, he said.

“I’m not 20 years old any more and when they throw your ass down, something is gonna hurt,” he said. “My back would



go out, my knee would go out. I had three MRIs in the first two months. If they would say they want to make Part 2, I would say, ‘No, thank you.’”

He said his next project, “Iron Man 2,” in which he plays an evil assassin, will “be better than Iron Man 1, that I can guarantee you.”

The Sarajevo Film Festival traditionally organizes events called “Coffee with ...” that allow the press, as well as other people, to talk to stars at a downtown square. This year the guests were Rourke and “X-Files” actress Gillian Anderson among others.

Jackson ‘This Is It’ film gets 2-week limited run



In this handout photo provided by AEG, pop star Michael Jackson rehearses at the Staples Center in Los Angeles on Tuesday, June 23, 2009.

he had personally assembled for this once in a lifetime project.”

Sony paid \$60 million for rights to the film, which will

be drawn from more than 100 hours of footage shot in Los Angeles between April and June as Jackson prepared for the con-

certs that were to begin in July.

The filmmakers initially intended to include some 3-D footage but have dropped that plan. The

film will show Jackson working with singers, dancers, musicians, choreographers and special-effects experts, Ortega said.

Porn makers challenged for not mandating condoms

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An AIDS advocacy group filed complaints Thursday with state officials against 16 production companies that show unprotected sex in porn movies.

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation filed the action with the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, alleging the practice amounts to unsafe behavior in a California workplace.

“We will not stop until there is a policy of requiring condoms to

be used in porn,” foundation president Michael Weinstein said.

By law, U.S. adult film actors must prove they have tested negative for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases within 30 days of going to work on a film.

CalOSHA spokesman Dean Fryer said the regulatory agency requires workers in any industry where there is a “possibility of transmission of fluids,” including health care and adult films, to reduce the risk of disease transmission.

“The employers of porn actors are required to provide a safe and healthy work environment,” Fryer said.

Nearly 60 adult DVDs accompany the complaints against Hustler Video, Maverick Entertainment, Vivid and other porn production companies in Los Angeles. Many people in the multi-billion-dollar industry oppose the use of condoms in the films.

Hustler publisher Larry Flynt told The Associated Press, “people who enjoy viewing adult

films do not want to see people using condoms.”

“While it might provide some additional protection, the sales are not going to be there to make the effort worthwhile for the actors and actresses,” he said.

Flynt praised laws mandating monthly testing for adult film actors as a highly effective way to prevent the spread of AIDS.

Vivid Entertainment head Steven Hirsch agreed.

“If we didn’t think the proper testing was in place, we would

do something about it,” he said.

A call to Maverick was not immediately returned.

Weinstein said AIDS could be spread through the on-camera behavior and noted that many people get their sex education from porn movies.

Watching unprotected sex could prompt them to be careless during sex acts, he said.

Former porn actress Jan Meza said she asked about the use of condoms when she first started appearing in adult films in 2006.

ACLU says ‘Survivor’ Hatch’s jailing unfair

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—The American Civil Liberties Union on Thursday said it was appalled that “Survivor” winner Richard Hatch was returned to prison for granting two unauthorized TV interviews.

Hatch had been serving out the end of his tax evasion prison term on home confinement, but was jailed Tuesday after giving several interviews—to NBC’s “Today” show, NBC affiliate WJAR-TV and the NBC-owned “Access Hollywood.” His lawyer said the Bureau of Prisons told her Hatch was jailed because the agency had authorized only the “Today” interview, not the other two.

“It’s appalling to think that he has been sent to jail merely for speaking to the media about his own court case,” said Steven Brown of the ACLU’s Rhode Island chapter.

Brown said the First Amendment guarantees Hatch’s right to speak. Even if interviews can be restricted for safety reasons inside a prison’s walls, that shouldn’t be a concern once a person is living in a private home, Brown said.

All prisoners, including those on home confinement, must adhere to Bureau of Prisons policy on media interviews, said Traci Billingsley, a bureau spokeswoman. Those on home confinement who don’t follow the rules can be put back in prison.

Hatch was still being held Thursday at Barnstable County Jail in Massachusetts, where he has been since Tuesday, Billingsley said.

Hatch was convicted in 2006 of failing to pay taxes on the \$1 million he was awarded for winning the first season of the CBS reality show, and he was given extra prison time for lying on the stand. His term is scheduled to end Oct. 7.

 ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Police: Model's body had no fingers, teeth

BUENA PARK, Calif. (AP)—Police investigating a reality TV contestant in his ex-wife's death say her fingers and teeth had been removed when her body was found in a California trash bin. Buena Park police Lt. Steve Holliday said the investigation into Jasmine Fiore's death is on-going Thursday while the manhunt for her ex-husband, reality TV contestant Ryan Alexander Jenkins, continues. Fiore's ex-boyfriend, Robert Hasman, told reporters that Jenkins is "an animal," while her friends and relatives hugged and cried. Jenkins was charged with murder with malice aforethought Thursday.

'Avatar' trailer debuts online to mixed response

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Social networking sites are abuzz over an online trailer for "Avatar," a day before more than 15 minutes of James Cameron's anticipated 3D sci-fi adventure was to screen in theaters. Fan response to the two-minute version was mixed Thursday on sites such as Twitter and Facebook. The December release from 20th Century Fox was one of Twitter's trending topics Thursday. The studio is set to show extended previews of "Avatar" at 3D theaters around the nation and world Friday as part of its worldwide "Avatar Day" promotion. Free tickets that were distributed online this week were being offered for sale for as much as \$40 on Craigslist.

A&E to announce airdate soon for Jacksons special

NEW YORK (AP)—The A&E network says an airdate for its documentary special about members of the Jackson family will be announced soon. A&E spokesman Dan Silberman says the program focuses on brothers Jackie, Tito, Jermaine and Marlon Jackson. Silberman says Michael Jackson didn't participate in the show. The 50-year-old King of Pop died June 25, weeks before he was due to start a string of comeback shows in London. A tribute concert is scheduled Sept. 26 in the Austrian capital of Vienna. While the special could potentially be expanded into a series, the network says it currently has no plans beyond airing a stand-alone show.

Probation for woman caught at Spears' home

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A court official says a woman found guilty of snooping at Britney Spears' house has been sentenced to three years of probation and 240 hours of community service. Los Angeles Superior Court spokeswoman Patricia Kelly says a judge in Malibu, Calif. found Miranda Tozzer-Robbins guilty of peeping into Spears' home in Calabasas, Calif. Kelly says Tozzer-Robbins also was ordered Thursday to stay away from Spears and her home. The woman was arrested in April after deputies found her wearing camouflage, carrying camera equipment and peering into the windows of Spears' home. Tozzer-Robbins said afterward that she was working on a documentary on paparazzi tactics and might have sold any footage she got of the pop singer, who wasn't home at the time.

Lawsuit: woman claims assault by David Copperfield

SEATTLE (AP)—A Seattle woman has sued magician David Copperfield, contending he sexually assaulted and threatened her while she was a guest on his private island in the Bahamas. Copperfield's lawyers Angelo Calfo and Patty Eakes deny the allegations and say the lawsuit is "extortion for money, plain and simple." No criminal charges have been filed. The Seattle Times describes the woman as a 22-year-old fashion model and former Miss Washington USA contestant. She says she met Copperfield during a January 2007 performance in Kennewick and that year she was invited to his private island. The Times says the lawsuit was filed July 29 in federal court in Seattle against David Seth Kotkin, Copperfield's given name. That date was the deadline for a two-year statute of limitations.

Whitney Houston grants TV interview to Winfrey

NEW YORK (AP)—After a long absence from music, Whitney Houston is staging a much-hyped career comeback with an appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Houston will be Winfrey's first guest as the talk-show queen launches her 24th season on Sept. 14. According to her Web site, Oprah.com, Winfrey calls Houston's appearance "the most anticipated music inter-

view of the decade."

The 46-year-old superstar hasn't done a major TV interview since 2002, when she addressed questions about her drug use from ABC's Diane Sawyer.

Houston is releasing her new album, "I Look to You," on Aug. 31.

She is one of the best-selling artists of all time, but her career stalled as she battled drugs and endured a troubled marriage to Bobby Brown.



This Jan. 17, 2009 file photo shows singer Whitney Houston at the BET Honors in the Warner Theatre in Washington.

Resentful father poses threat to mistress's son

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I have an infant son by a man who has told me repeatedly that he does not love our child. He says he loves me and wants to be with me, and he claims our child will split us up and spoil our relationship. He said he never wanted our baby in the first place.

He refuses to do anything for our son. He just wants to do for me—and all he wants is sex. I have just learned that he is married with two other children.

Please tell me what to do because I don't like the way he treats our son.

TORMENTED IN MARYLAND

DEAR TORMENTED: As much as you may care about this man, you must recognize that as a mother your first responsibility has to be to your son. If your child's father was honest and had character, you would have known before now that he was already married.

I am concerned that because he views the baby as a rival, he might possibly be a danger to your son. At the very least he should be financially supporting that child, because it is his legal responsibility to do so.

If you are living with him, for your child's sake, you should move. And until you do, never, ever leave him alone with the baby.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a divorced mother of three grown children who is in the process of making out my will. I'm not ill, but I would like to ensure that my assets—which are modest—will be divided equally among them. My two daughters are upset that I want to include their brother, "Ricky."

As a teen, Ricky stole from his sisters. For most of his adult life he has been in trouble with the law and has served time in prison. My son is also an alcoholic and has been in treatment several times. He has never asked me for money, and I haven't given him any. I know he wants to lead a straight life after he serves his current term.

I can't see any good reason for disinheriting my son. He already has VA and SSI disability income, so it isn't like I'll be giving him something he doesn't have. Leaving him out of the will would be hurtful to him. Can you tell me how to smooth the waters?

KENTUCKY MOM

DEAR MOM: Yes. Remind your daughters that you love them and their troubled brother equally, and that the assets you have accrued (modest though they may be) are yours to do with as you wish. Be pleasant about it, and under no circumstances allow them to push you into doing anything you don't want to do.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a college student and recently I was faced with a huge decision.

I have been attending junior college for two years and am about to start my third. I applied to a four-year university, and they have accepted all my credits. I play soccer for the junior college, and I had already promised my team I would be here to play in the fall.

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LOST IN COLLEGE

DEAR LOST IN COLLEGE: Not in my opinion. Academics trump athletics. And you should not have made any promises to your team while applying to a different school.

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Tim Gunn, host and mentor of the cable television show "Project Runway," poses for photos during an interview in New York, Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009.

Gunn has been described as the antithesis of "American Idol" judge Simon Cowell, who has no problem giving negative feedback.

"The British have a very different way of operating ... 'You are nothing and you will never become anything' and that's repeated to students over and over ... Talk about deflating. I believe in giving individuals opportunity," Gunn says.

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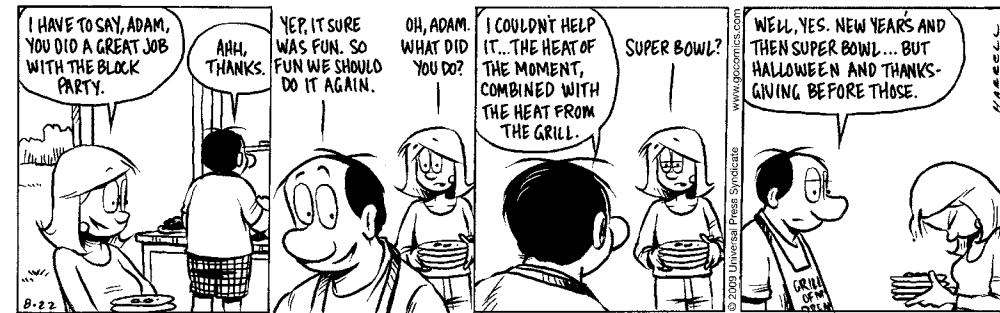
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Manning leads Colts past Philadelphia



INDIANAPOLIS
(AP)—Peyton Manning wanted to get the Colts offense fixed Thursday night.

Did he ever.

The three-time league MVP threw two touchdown passes in three series, and Indianapolis pulled off a rare 23-15 preseason victory over Philadelphia, which played without Michael Vick.

"I think everybody wanted to be in there. The entire offense felt hungry after last week," Manning said. "Sure, there were some mistakes we can learn from, but there were some good things we can learn from."

If this is the learning curve, the Colts will gladly take it.

Manning, unhappy with last week's performance and his lack of playing time against Minnesota, lobbied for more action Thursday and delivered a masterful performance. He drove the Colts 81 yards for a touchdown on their first series, threw a 76-yard TD pass to Reggie Wayne and finished 10 of 14 for 167 yards in less than 11 minutes.

His backup Curtis Painter, a rookie from Purdue, looked good, too. He was 11 of 19 for 116 yards with one interception and led the Colts to three field goals.

Even Indy's often criticized defense improved. It forced two three-and-outs on the first four series, had three sacks and forced two turnovers, both of which led to Indy scores.

New coach Jim Caldwell couldn't quibble with Indy's play Thursday.

"They (the starters) had a couple of real good solid drives in there, performing pretty well," Caldwell said. "We were pleased with what we saw."

Philadelphia, though, was nowhere near full strength.

Vick, who signed last week, isn't eligible to play until next week.

"I'm glad he's on our team. He's a great person, a great player, he's only going to make us better," safety Quintin Demps said.

Four of the five projected starters on Philly's offensive line sat out. Running back Brian Westbrook stayed home, and starting fullback Leonard Weaver left in the first quarter with a sprained medial collateral ligament in his knee.

The Eagles were also missing three defensive starters, and it showed.

At times, coach Andy Reid looked exasperated with the mistakes.

Philadelphia had six penalties accepted in each half. They squandered a scoring chance at the end of the first half by mismanaging the clock and failed to convert a fourth-and-1 in the third quarter.

"All in all, that was an embarrassing performance and way too many penalties, not enough intensity all the way around, starting with me," Reid said. "It was a poor performance."

Aside from the Eagles first scoring play - a perfect 39-yard strike from Donovan McNabb to DeSean Jackson, who split two defenders down the middle of the field to make it 14-7 - little went right.

Manning opened the game with a 12-play, 71-yard drive and beat a Philly blitz to hit Anthony Gonzalez in the corner of the end zone for a 3-yard TD.

After Manning fumbled deep in his own territory, Dwight Freeney swatted the ball away from McNabb and Indy's Keyunta Dawson recovered.

Manning took advantage right away, finding Wayne down the left sideline on the next play. Wayne scooted down the sideline, then made a nifty inside cut near the 10-yard line to avoid a defender for a 76-yard TD to give Indy a 14-0 lead.

The Colts made it 17-7 when Shane Andrus made a 24-yard field goal late in the first half and added two more field goals by Andrus in the second half.

Philadelphia didn't score again until Adam DiMichele hooked up with Brandon Gibson on a 21-yard TD pass with



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning fumbles after being sacked by Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Jason Babin during the first quarter of an NFL preseason football game in Indianapolis, Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009. The Eagles recovered the fumble. AP

After the game, Ochocinco pulled out his PDA and displayed a photo of him with soccer star David Beckham.

"Soccer's my first love, Kickin's easy ... like riding a bike," he said. "I can kick them from 50, 60 yards, left or right hash mark.... I kicked all through high school."

The Bengals career leader in catches and yards receiving powered the ball through the uprights, a task that can be tough if not done regularly.

"It's not easy," said Patriots wide receiver Wes Welker, who kicked a field goal and extra point on the same field for Miami in a 27-10 loss to New England on Oct. 10, 2004. "To kick that is something, and he got real good height on it."

By that time, Tom Brady was done for the night and backups Kevin O'Connell and Brian Hoyer couldn't bring the Patriots back in a scoreless second half. But Brady already had shown that he could take a hit after surgery that followed a season-ending left knee injury in last year's opener.

He was knocked down twice on his 13 snaps, one week after remaining upright on all 24 of his snaps in a 27-25 win at Philadelphia, and got up quickly both times.

Keith Rivers tossed Brady softly after the NFL's 2007 MVP threw incomplete on his third snap and landed on his back.

"I didn't notice whether it bothered him," Rivers said. "It just felt like a normal hit."

On the first play of his second and last series, Brady was flattened by left end Robert Geathers, who easily got around right tackle Nick Kaczur and dumped Brady on his left side.

"The good thing is he got up. He got hit good," running back Fred Taylor said. "He's tough."

Cincinnati scored on J.T. O'Sullivan's 24-yard pass to Chris Henry with 1:55 left in the half between field goals of 32 and 41 yards by New England's Stephen Gostkowski.

26 seconds to go.

"I don't think anybody offensively was really happy with what happened last week. It started with me and the entire offensive starting unit," Manning said. "Overall I thought everybody came back and did a better job tonight."

Bengals 7, Patriots 6

At Foxborough, a new role, another new name for Chad

Ochocinco.

Cincinnati's emergency kicker and international soccer fan booted the decisive extra point late in the first half and the Bengals beat the sloppy New England Patriots 7-6 on Thursday night.

"Esteban" Ochocinco is back, the most interesting footballer in the world," Ochocinco said. "Everyone has to remember, I've always said that soccer is my No. 1 sport. I think Ronaldinho would

be proud of me right now."

Ochocinco practices kicking but had never done it in a preseason or regular-season game in his eight years with the Bengals, the first seven as Chad Johnson. But when Shayne Graham's groin felt sore in pre-game warmups, coach Marvin Lewis decided to rest the team's franchise player and see what Ochocinco could do.

He did very well.

distance: "That ball can get out there, it can go," he said.

Fan favorite Greg Norman withdrew shortly before the first round because of back spasms. It would have been the Shark's first appearance in the event, and sixth start on the tour this year.

Funk was coming off a victory at the U.S. Senior Open, where he became the first player in a USGA championship to finish at 20-under par. A week earlier, he lost in a three-way playoff at the Senior British Open.

He has finished in the top 10 in the previous three Champions Tour majors this season and leads the Charles Schwab Cup points standings.

"That's my goal this year, to win the Charles Schwab Cup. I really want it," Funk said.

Funk shot a final-round 3-under 69 in the Tradition last year for a three-shot victory over Mike Goodes and his first win in a major on the tour.

This year, his first round featured four birdies.

The Tradition started at Desert Mountain in Scottsdale in 1989 before it moved to Superstition Mountain for a year in 2002.

With the help of Oregon native Peter Jacobsen, the event moved again in 2003 to the Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club west of Portland. In 2007, it came to Crosswater. Last year steamy temperatures gave way to a delay because of lightning during the final round.

The Tradition is sponsored by Jeld-Wen, an Oregon-based window and door manufacturer

Bryant leads Tradition after first round

SUNRIVER, Ore. (AP)—Fred Funk was finished with his round at the Jeld-Wen Tradition when a nearby radio squawked with the news that Brad Bryant had just shot a 10-under 62.

"OK. Game is on," Funk said. "We know who we're chasing now."

Bryant matched a tournament record with his first-round play at Crosswater Golf Club in central Oregon. He had 11 birdies and one bogey for a three-shot lead Thursday in the fourth of five majors this year on the Champions Tour.

"Just played really great," he said. "Definitely one of my

top five ball-striking rounds in my life."

Bryant's best finish this year was fourth at the Dick's Sporting Goods Open in June. He has four overall tour victories, his last coming at the Senior U.S. Open in 2007.

Loren Roberts shot a 65, while Tom Watson and Tom Lehman each had 67s as temperatures hovered in the upper 90s on the scenic 7,533-yard course in the shadow of Mt. Bachelor.

Defending champion Funk was in a group at 4-under. Tour money leader Bernhard Langer shot a 71.

Even Bryant was stunned by his low round, which matched

Watson's low second round in 2003 when the tournament was played in Aloha, Ore., and Doug Tewell's final-round 62 in 2001, when the event was in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Bryant joked that he wants to keep everything exactly the same for the next three days.

"I hope nothing changes. I don't even want to change my socks or my underwear," he said.

Bryant's personal best round was 63, when he won the Walt Disney World-Oldsmobile

Classic in 1995, his only victory on the PGA Tour.

"Ten under?" Roberts mused. "I just can't believe how good that is."

Roberts, who has won twice on the tour this year, had five birdies and an eagle on the par-4, 410-yard 10th hole. Roberts won the Tradition 2005.

Watson, who won the Tradition in 2003, fell to Stewart Cink in a dramatic playoff at the British Open a month ago.

"It was a pretty benign day," Watson said. "Not a lot of wind to deal with. The flags were accessible."

However, the altitude and heat did play a role when it came to



Red Sox complete sweep of Blue Jays



TORONTO (AP)

— J.D.

Drew

homered twice and Jon Lester pitched eight strong innings as the Boston Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-1 on Thursday to complete a three-game sweep in the American League.

Victor Martinez connected for the second straight night for the Red Sox, who have hit two or more homers in six consecutive games, and nine of 10.

The Red Sox have 32 homers in August, three shy of the team record set in 2006.

Drew hit a leadoff homer in the second, a two-run drive to almost the same spot in the third and finished with four hits. The homers, Nos. 14 and 15, came off rookie Brett Cecil.

Lester (10-7) allowed one run and three hits to win for the first time in five starts and improve to 3-1 with a 1.65 ERA in four outings against Toronto this season.

Fernando Cabrera finished the three-hitter.

Indians 11, Angels 3

At Cleveland, Justin Masterson pitched into the seventh inning and rookie Matt LaPorta had a career-high three RBIs as Cleveland battered Los Angeles starter John Lackey.

Masterson (4-4) did not allow an earned run in 6 1-3 innings to win for the first time since being acquired from Boston in the trade for Victor Martinez hours before the July 31 trade deadline. He allowed three hits and four walks while striking out three. He left in the seventh with the bases loaded and one out, but reliever Tony Sipp came on to end the threat.

Jhonny Peralta had two singles and a double to lead seven Cleveland batters with at least two hits. The Indians scored 11 runs in a game for the second time this month.

LaPorta, making his first appearance since being recalled from Triple-A Columbus on Wednesday, doubled home two runs in the seven-run sixth inning, then added a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

Rangers 11, Twins 1

At Arlington, Texas, Nelson

Cruz homered in his return to the Texas lineup and Marlon Byrd connected twice as Texas trounced Minnesota.

Julio Borbon went 3 for 5 with three RBIs, and is hitting .536 (15 for 28) in seven starts since being recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma City while Cruz was hurt. Michael Young and Hank Blalock both had three hits for the Rangers, who snapped a two-game skid.

Cruz was activated from the 15-day disabled list before the game after the All-Star slugger missed 15 games because of a sprained left ankle. His 26th homer leading off the sixth put the Rangers up 5-1.

Rookie Derek Holland (7-7) allowed one run in 5 1-3 innings to win his third straight start.

Orioles 8, Rays 7

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Brian Roberts hit his fourth career grand slam and Nolan Reimold added a three-run shot to lead Baltimore past Tampa Bay.

Roberts' 12th homer came on a 3-2 pitch from reliever Lance Cormier with two outs in the sixth and made it 5-1. Roberts was the first batter Cormier faced after replacing starter James Shields.

Reimold extended the lead to 8-4 with his homer in the seventh. The Orioles stopped a five-game losing streak.

Ben Zobrist homered and had four RBIs for the Rays, who entered with a four-game winning streak. Carlos Pena drove in two runs with a single during a three-run eighth as Tampa Bay cut its deficit to 8-7.

Jim Johnson pitched the final 1 1-3 innings for his fifth save.

Tigers 7, Mariners 6

At Detroit, Clete Thomas' two-out, RBI single capped Detroit's two-run rally in the ninth inning over Seattle.

The AL Central-leading Tigers trailed 6-2 before scoring three times in the sixth and two more in the final inning, setting off a celebration around Thomas at first base.

Jarrod Washburn was poor against his former Seattle team, and was 0-1 with a 6.04 ERA in four starts since the Tigers acquired him just before the non-



Boston Red Sox shortstop Alex Gonzalez, right, throws to first after forcing out Toronto Blue Jays' Marco Scutaro while trying to turn a double play in the ninth inning of a baseball game in Toronto on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009.

trading deadline. Russell Branyan, Kenji Johjima, Jose Lopez and Mike Sweeney each had a homer against their former teammate, who gave up four homers in a game for the first time in five years.

Seattle starter Ryan Rowland-Smith allowed solo homers to Brandon Inge and Ryan Raburn in the fourth inning, and gave up five runs over 5 1-3 innings.

Phillies 12, Diamondbacks 3

At Philadelphia, Jayson Werth hit his fourth home run in three games, and Ryan Howard hit a three-run shot to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a 12-3 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Thursday and a three-game sweep of Washington.

Carlos Ruiz homered for the Phillies, who won their fourth straight game and eighth in nine. Werth's two-run shot in the fifth gave the Phillies a three-run lead, and Ruiz and Howard

homered off different relievers in a five-run sixth.

Joe Blanton went eight innings and had two singles, the first multihit game of his career, to become the third straight Phillies pitcher to record two hits in a game. Jamie Moyer and Cliff Lee did it Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

Blanton (8-6) allowed three runs and a season-high 10 hits.

Rockies 4, Nationals 1, 10 innings

At Washington, Carlos Gonzalez blooped an RBI double in the fifth inning that helped Colorado complete a three-game sweep of Washington.

Gonzalez's club record-tying streak of four games with a homer ended, but he came through for the NL wild-card leaders. Troy Tulowitzki and Brad Hawpe drove in runs to back Jason Hammel (8-7), who allowed one run and three hits in seven innings.

Huston Street worked a perfect ninth for his 32nd save in 33 chances, including every game this series.

Colorado has won four straight and eight of 11.

Braves 3, Mets 2

At New York, Kenshin Kawakami outpitched Johan Santana, and Brian McCann hit a solo homer as Atlanta edged New York.

Omar Infante and former Mets outfielder Ryan Church also drove in runs for the Braves, who have won nine of 12 entering a three-game series against fellow playoff contender Florida.

Mets reliever Billy Wagner made his first appearance since Aug. 2, 2008, and struck out two in a perfect eighth inning. The former closer with 385 saves had Tommy John surgery on Sept. 10.

Kawakami (6-9) left the bases loaded in the first and wound up allowing one run and seven hits in seven innings, winning for the first time since July 8.

Peter Moylan gave up an RBI single to Omir Santos in the eighth that made it 3-2, before getting Anderson Hernandez to ground out and leave two runners aboard.

Reds 2, Giants 1, 10 innings

At Cincinnati, Drew Stubbs hit his first career home run leading off the bottom of the 10th inning to end Cincinnati's five-game losing streak.

Stubbs drove a 2-0 pitch from Bob Howry (1-6) off left-field foul screen. The 2006 first-round draft pick was called up from Triple-A Louisville on Wednesday when Willy Taveras was placed on the 15-day disabled list.

Francisco Cordero (2-3) worked around a single in a scoreless 10th to pick up the win. The Reds had lost six of seven.

Astros 4, Marlins 1

At Houston, Wandy Rodriguez limited Florida to four hits while pitching into the ninth inning as Houston ended the Marlins' streak of 10-hit games at 15.

That was the best stretch since the St. Louis Browns had one that long in 1937, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The record is 18, set by the 1922

Browns and matched by the 1925 Cleveland Indians.

Rodriguez (12-7) allowed an unearned run, struck out seven and picked up an RBI with a double. Jose Valverde finished the four-hitter for his 18th save.

Carlos Lee and Hunter Pence homered against Florida ace Josh Johnson (12-3), who lost for the first time in seven starts.

Hanley Ramirez beat out an infield single with two outs in the third to stretch his hitting streak to a career-high 15 games.

Cards 5, Padres 1

At San Diego, Brendan Ryan hit a grand slam and Joel Pineiro won his sixth straight decision by throwing 7 2-3 strong innings and leading the St. Louis Cardinals to a 5-1 victory over the San Diego Padres on Thursday night.

Ryan's first career grand slam staked Pineiro (12-9) to a 4-0 lead in the second inning as the Cardinals won for the 16th time in 21 games.

The only run Pineiro allowed was a homer to rookie Kyle Blanks, who connected in the second inning for his ninth homer. Blanks homered for the third time in four games.

St. Louis has won nine consecutive starts by Pineiro, who last lost on June 28, against Minnesota.

Dodgers 7, Cubs 2

At Los Angeles, Los Angeles' Russell Martin snapped a sixth-inning tie with a grand slam.

Martin's second career grand slam provided much-needed offense for the Dodgers, who scored three runs or less in five of their previous seven games. They lost each of those five games and saw their NL West lead shrink to 3 1/2 games over Colorado in that stretch.

Los Angeles still owns the NL's best record at 72-50, although the club is just 16-18 since the All-Star break, including an 8-11 mark this month.

The Cubs went 4-10 in their last 14 games.

Ronald Belisario (2-2) got two outs for his first victory since April 30.

Angel Guzman (2-3) took the loss, yielding four runs and three hits in one inning.

NCAA throws out Memphis' Final Four run

NCAA
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Memphis has lost every one of the 38 victories

it piled up in a basketball season that ended with John Calipari's Tigers just missing out on a national title.

The NCAA stripped Memphis of all its wins from 2007-08 Thursday, saying the Tigers used an ineligible player who is believed to be NBA star Derrick Rose.

The university isn't accepting the punishment, not yet.

Memphis president Shirley

Raines said shortly after the NCAA's announcement that the school is appealing what she called an unfair penalty.

"We know the rules," Raines said. "We did our due diligence. We did everything we could to determine the student-athlete was eligible and that the rules were being followed."

The NCAA announcement came 16 months after the Tigers lost the national championship to Kansas in overtime at the end of the 2007-08 season. It marks the second time both Memphis and coach John Calipari had to vacate Final Four seasons. The

Tigers were stripped of their 1985 appearance and Calipari's Massachusetts team lost its 1996 berth.

Now the basketball coach at Kentucky, Calipari said in a statement he was "very disappointed and disheartened by the NCAA's findings" and that he would not comment again until Memphis' appeal is concluded.

Calipari said he's looking forward to coaching Kentucky this fall where officials are fully supporting him despite the Memphis scandal.

"I'm not worried about it because they have never said

Coach Cal did anything wrong at all," said Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, who appeared with Calipari at the Kentucky State Fair on Thursday before the NCAA announcement. "I think he's a very upstanding guy. I think that's his reputation and I think that reputation will be with him here. I really don't foresee any problems."

Memphis finished 38-2 in 2007-08, setting the NCAA record for wins in a season.

The NCAA report did not identify the ineligible player by name, though descriptions of the athlete involved lead to the con-

clusion it could only be Rose. He was the only player who played just that season at Memphis—a fact noted by the governing body of college sports. Rose went on to be selected by the Chicago Bulls as the No. 1 pick in the 2008 draft and later won the NBA rookie of the year award.

The player was accused of having another person take his SAT exam in Detroit so he would be eligible as a freshman after failing the ACT three times in Chicago.

Memphis argued that the university did not have enough information to substantiate the allegations in November 2007 and cleared him to play. Memphis officials defended their investi-

gation Thursday and said four people interviewed the player, with neither Calipari nor athletic director R.C. Johnson involved.

"That person responded that he took the test, and we believed him," university legal counsel Sheri Lipman said.

However, the SAT officials later conducted their own investigation and notified the player, the university and the NCAA's eligibility center that they were canceling his test in May 2008.

The agency said it sent letters to the player in March and April 2008; the second letter was sent three days after Rose and the Tigers lost to the Jayhawks. The player did not respond to either letter.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES**MLB STANDINGS****AMERICAN LEAGUE****East Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|--------|
| New York | 76 | 45 | .628 | — |
| Boston | 69 | 51 | .575 | 6 1/2 |
| Tampa Bay | 65 | 55 | .546 | 10 |
| Toronto | 55 | 64 | .462 | 20 |
| Baltimore | 49 | 72 | .400 | 27 1/2 |

Central Division

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|-------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Detroit | 64 | 56 | .533 | — |
| Chicago | 62 | 59 | .512 | 2 1/2 |
| Minnesota | 58 | 63 | .479 | 6 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 52 | 68 | .433 | 12 |
| Kansas City | 47 | 73 | .392 | 17 |

West Division

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|-------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Los Angeles | 73 | 46 | .613 | — |
| Texas | 68 | 52 | .567 | 5 1/2 |
| Seattle | 62 | 59 | .512 | 12 |
| Oakland | 53 | 67 | .442 | 20 |

NATIONAL LEAGUE**East Division**

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|--------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Philadelphia | 69 | 49 | .585 | — |
| Florida | 64 | 57 | .529 | 6 1/2 |
| Atlanta | 64 | 57 | .529 | 6 1/2 |
| New York | 56 | 65 | .463 | 1341/2 |
| Washington | 43 | 78 | .355 | 27 1/2 |

Central Division

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|------------|----|----|------|--------|
| St. Louis | 70 | 53 | .569 | — |
| Chicago | 61 | 58 | .513 | 7 |
| Milwaukee | 59 | 62 | .488 | 10 |
| Houston | 58 | 62 | .483 | 10 1/2 |
| Cincinnati | 51 | 69 | .425 | 17 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh | 49 | 70 | .412 | 19 |

West Division

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|---------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Los Angeles | 72 | 50 | .590 | — |
| Colorado | 68 | 53 | .562 | 3 1/2 |
| San Francisco | 66 | 55 | .545 | 5 1/2 |
| Arizona | 54 | 68 | .443 | 18 |
| San Diego | 51 | 72 | .415 | 21 1/2 |

Yesterday's Games

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| Boston 8, Toronto 1 |
| Cleveland 11, LA Angels 3 |
| Texas 11, Minnesota 1 |
| Baltimore 8, Tampa Bay 7 |
| Detroit 7, Seattle 6 |
| Philadelphia 12, Arizona 3 |
| Colorado 4, Washington 1 |
| Atlanta 3, NY Mets 2 |
| Cincinnati 2, San Francisco 1 |
| Houston 4, Florida 1 |
| St. Louis 5, San Diego 1 |
| LA Dodgers 7, Chi Cubs 2 |

JELD-WEN TRADITION SCORES

SUNRIVER, Oregon (AP) — Scores Thursday from the JELD-WEN Tradition, a \$2.6 million Champions Tour major on 7,533-yard, par-72 (36-36) Sunriver Course at Crosswater Club:

FIRST ROUND

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|-------------------|-------|----|
| Brad Bryant | 29-33 | 62 |
| Loren Roberts | 31-34 | 65 |
| Tom Watson | 35-32 | 67 |
| Tom Lehman | 34-33 | 67 |
| Fred Funk | 34-34 | 68 |
| Hale Irwin | 33-35 | 68 |
| R.W. Eaks | 33-35 | 68 |
| Jim Thorpe | 35-33 | 68 |
| Bruce Fleisher | 34-35 | 69 |
| Mike McCullough | 34-35 | 69 |
| Hal Sutton | 34-35 | 69 |
| Larry Nelson | 35-34 | 69 |
| Mark McNulty | 35-34 | 69 |
| Eduardo Romero | 33-36 | 69 |
| Andy Bean | 35-34 | 69 |
| John Cook | 35-34 | 69 |
| Mark O'Meara | 34-35 | 69 |
| Larry Mize | 34-35 | 69 |
| Gil Morgan | 36-34 | 70 |
| Keith Fergus | 35-35 | 70 |
| Lonnie Nielsen | 36-34 | 70 |
| Allen Doyle | 33-37 | 70 |
| Mike Reid | 33-37 | 70 |
| Mike Goodes | 34-36 | 70 |
| Mark James | 36-34 | 70 |
| Tom Kite | 35-35 | 70 |
| Craig Stadler | 38-33 | 71 |
| Morris Hatalsky | 36-35 | 71 |
| Bruce Vaughan | 36-35 | 71 |
| Jeff Sluman | 36-35 | 71 |
| Bernhard Langer | 36-35 | 71 |
| David Eger | 33-38 | 71 |
| Don Pooley | 33-39 | 72 |
| Bob Tway | 36-36 | 72 |
| Ben Crenshaw | 34-38 | 72 |
| Tom Purtzer | 35-37 | 72 |
| Mark Wiebe | 36-36 | 72 |
| Russ Cochran | 35-37 | 72 |
| Fulton Allm | 37-36 | 73 |
| Tim Simpson | 36-37 | 73 |
| John Harris | 35-38 | 73 |
| Jerry Pate | 35-38 | 73 |
| Bob Gilder | 35-38 | 73 |
| Denis Watson | 37-36 | 73 |
| Dan Forsman | 37-36 | 73 |
| Jay Haas | 36-37 | 73 |
| James Mason | 38-35 | 73 |
| Joey Sindlar | 38-36 | 74 |
| Lanny Wadkins | 37-37 | 74 |
| Graham Marsh | 36-38 | 74 |
| Gene Jones | 37-37 | 74 |
| Bruce Lietzke | 35-40 | 75 |
| Sandy Lyle | 39-36 | 75 |
| Tom Jenkins | 37-38 | 75 |
| Tom Wargo | 38-37 | 75 |
| Vicente Fernandez | 37-38 | 75 |
| Olin Browne | 37-39 | 76 |
| Dave Eichelberger | 37-39 | 76 |
| Scott Simpson | 35-41 | 76 |
| Joe Ozaki | 37-39 | 76 |
| Peter Jacobsen | 37-40 | 77 |
| Isoo Aoki | 37-40 | 77 |
| Bobby Wadkins | 37-40 | 77 |
| Dana Quigley | 37-40 | 77 |
| Ronnie Black | 39-38 | 77 |
| Gary Player | 42-36 | 78 |
| Bruce Summerhays | 39-41 | 80 |
| Fuzzy Zoeller | 38-42 | 80 |

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NMBA

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A much deeper bench helped the Ebisuya-backed NMBA walked away with an easy victory at the start of their best-of-three title series.

NMBA had 14 players suiting up in Game 1 with four of them finishing in double figures and seven making at least four points each.

With NMBA sealing Game 1 midway in the fourth quarter, coach Marvin Deocares had the luxury of fielding benchwarmers Rio "Pacman" Jacob and Rico Morales into the last two minutes of the match. Jacob and Morales provided a bit of a show in the one-sided game, as their baskets in the closing minutes of the match drew roars from the crowd.

With the crowd egging him on the Manny Pacquiao-look-alike Jacob, drilled a layup for his first points of the night and then his second basket came off a drive and drew a foul from Mario Alegre. Morales' lone basket, which got the biggest cheer from spectators, was a short jumper inside the paint.

Jun Abedes and Francis Rebujon top-scored for NMBA in the series-opener, nailing 18 points apiece, while William Opone chipped in 14. Melvin

Cabalen moved within 11 at the end of the third period, 60-71, with Mina catching fire and scoring 10 points.

However, the NMI Contractor-supported Cabalen simply did not have enough players to match NMBA's firepower, foiling the former's bid for an upset. Cabalen is the underdog in the series, finishing only fourth in the playoffs. NMBA was runner-up to Bayani, which was stunned by Cabalen in the semifinals.

Mina led Cabalen's losing cause with his 29 points, while Robert Guiang contributed 21. Roland Tengco scored 19.

Game 2 will be played tonight with Cabalen needing to win to stay alive.

NMBA 104 — Rebujon 18, Abedes 18, Opone 14, Villarin 11, Galzote 6, Casabuena 5, Peleno 5, Santos 5, Jacob 5, Buenabajo 4, Macoto 4, Olivos 2, Tobias 2, Morales 2.

Cabalen 85 — Mina 29, Guiang 21, Tengco 19, Andales 10, Abuan 4, Alegre 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-21, 53-37, 71-60, 104-85.

Villanueva goes all the way this time

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 Rolly Villanueva had some nervous moments but this time took advantage of his twice-to-beat advantage in the finals to win the Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Tournament last Saturday at the Garapan sports bar and watering hole.

Villanueva won his first three matches against Nolan Cultura, defending champion Luis Fajardo, and Juancho Mendoza to advance to the semifinals where he was pitted against Bradley Demapan.

Villanueva rolled to the championship round following a strong start that saw him pocket all his object balls except the 8-ball.

Demapan sank three balls but missed on his fourth shot that allowed Villanueva to return to the table and an easy shot on the 8-ball for the win.

After a series of elimination round matches for the second championship seat, Demapan failed to secure a rematch with Villanueva after he succumbed to R.J. Mascarinas in the loser's bracket finals.

That game saw Mascarinas get started off on the right foot by running all his seven balls before missing on the all-important 8-ball.



**Manning leads
Colts past
Philadelphia**

Peyton Manning wanted to get the Colts offense fixed Thursday night.

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sweep of Blue Jays**

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Heo saves day for CNMI

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Ji Hoon Heo lived up to his lofty billing, ruling the boys' 18-and-under singles of the 2009 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships yesterday at the Goodman Fielder International Regional Tennis Centre in Lautoka, Fiji.

The CNMI bet defeated Fiji's Chris Hargrove in the championship game in straight sets, 6-0, 6-3, to take the title that Vanuatu's Lorenzo

Pineda took away from Heo's hands last year.

Earlier on Thursday, the 17-year-old Heo was the lone man left standing for the CNMI, as teammates Rafael Jones and Thea Minor bowed in the Final Four.

Heo thwarted Fiji's Diva Reddy in straight sets, 6-4, 6-0, to advance to the finals of the

MDX a win away from UFO title

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UNITED FILIPINO ORGANIZATION M D X - C h o w Queen survived Game 1 marked by collapse and comeback to move a win away from ruling the 7th United Filipino Organization Inter-Organizational Basketball League.

MDX worked its way back from a 12-point halftime deficit to eke out a 100-93 win over Samahang Ilokano at Pangasinense in the opening game of their best-of-three title series on Thursday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

Bon Tamayo put the dagger into the defending champion's heart, with his pick-pocketing job and long jumpers.

Wowie Abuel, Ivan De Vero, and Kae Bernardo gave MDX a good start, as the pennant champion led by as much as seven in the first period. However, Elmer Esdrelon and Edsel Mendoza kept SIP afloat and move within three at the end of the first canto, 20-23.

A 12-4 run in the first four minutes of the second quarter gave MDX a 36-24 lead, before the Joey Siriban-coached team went to a long dry spell, as it failed to score in the last 6:02 of that canto.

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Heo

boys' 18-and-under singles. Hargrove edged the Solomon Islands' Luke Paeni, 6-2, 6-7, 7-6 (5) to arrange a title match against the top-seeded Heo.

In the boys' 14-and-under semifinals, Jones lost to Fiji's Devin Khatri, 2-6, 2-6, to drop to the consolation match. Khatri was set to face New Caledonia's Clement Coarraze in the finals yesterday. Coarraze won over the Cook Islands' Ngana Nicholas, 6-2, 6-0, in the other semis game.

Also falling to the battle for third place in the girls' 14-and-under singles was Minor, who bowed to New Caledonia's Asya Trimari, 4-6, 2-6. Minor was to challenge Papua New Guinea's Lorish Puluspene in the consolation game yesterday and a win will allow the CNMI netter to duplicate her 2008 feat in the POJC.

In the doubles competition, Jones and teammate Christian Miller were not fortunate, too, as they lost to American Sa-

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Cabalen teammates Dennis Pacheco, left, and Mario Alegre battle for the loose ball, while NMBA's Pasky Pelino looks on during Game 1 of their title series in the masters division of the UFO caging on Thursday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

NMBA-Ebisuya takes Game 1

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Northern Marianas Bartenders Association drew first blood in the masters title series in the 7th United Filipino Organization Inter-Organizational Basketball League after outclassing Cabalen in Game 1, 104-85, on Thursday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Jeremy Rabauliman, right, seen here jogging with Jared Sablan during a training at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield this month, led the CNMI's 11-9 win over Canada in the World Series on Wednesday.

CNMI falls in World Series

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CNMI's hopes for a finals seat in the Worlds Series ended after the CNMI Junior All-Stars bowed to the undefeated Puerto Rico, 1-11, on Thursday at the Heritage Park in Taylor, Michigan.

The Commonwealth's bets finished the round-robin tournament with a 2-2 record and placed only third in the International Pool. Only the Top 2 teams will advance to the next round. Juan A. Bibiloni Little League of Yabuoa, Puerto Rico is one of them, as the win over the CNMI gave the team a sweep (4-0). Aruba North

Little League of Oranjestad, Aruba took the other spot after its 3-1 record.

The CNMI, which won over Italy and Canada, lost to Aruba, 3-5, on Monday, forcing the Commonwealth's youth sluggers to a must-win game against Puerto.

However, Puerto Rico proved to be too much to



The Puerto-CNMI game was scheduled to be played at 2pm Thursday (10pm Thursday on Saipan), but was delayed for more than an hour due to rain.

The delay sort of halted the momentum of the CNMI, which came off a morale-boosting 11-9 win over Canada on Wednesday.

The Commonwealth was behind, 5-9, after five complete innings, but scored six runs in the sixth inning to pull off a win against Canada's Coquitlam Little League of Coquitlam, British Columbia. Jeremy Rabauliman led the CNMI's recover, going 2-for-3 at the

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